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Hundreds join rally on college sackings

HUNDREDS of people from across the country joined in a rally in support of a maths lecturer and three others sacked from Halesowen College.

David Muritu wants to return to work and is considering an employment tribunal after dismissal in December.

The college defended the sacking, saying it was due to a "consistent failure to carry out the fundamental part of the job as a lecturer". At the weekend, about 250 people protested and marched through the town as the college had an open day.

Many protesters were teaching union members who came from as far as Bristol, Chesterfield and London.

They walked for 40 minutes through the town waving banners and chanting support for Mr Muritu, as well as three other dismissed teachers.

In the evening, they met at Halesowen library to discuss next steps.

Mr Muritu said: "This is a moment which has struck a chord with many public sector workers across the country."

The college says Mr Muritu did not perform to standards expected but the lecturer says he was rated "good" in the last three observations on his teaching. A petition calling for Mr Muritu to be reinstated was signed by 1,100 people.

Auto firm's 20 jobs hope

AUTOMOTIVE parts distributor CES (UK) is creating 20 jobs with the opening of a new branch in Halesowen.

The company is not yet revealing exactly where it will be located. The new branch will serve the west of Birmingham.

"We're delighted to be opening our newest branch," said human resources manager Joanne Warren.

BOSS 'IS HELPLESS' AGAINST RAIDERS

by Alex Ross

A SHOP owner in Dudley says he feels helpless to stop thieves after his store was targeted by raiders for the third time in six months.

Raiders are thought to have used a pick-up truck to smash into Costcutters in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal early on Sunday morning. Although they demolished the wall and got to a cashpoint inside the Clarence Street store, the raiders were unable to break the ATM lock.

£15,000 zoo walkway has green light

DUDLEY Zoo has been granted planning permission for a new £15,000 walkway aimed at making it easier for visitors to get around the site.

Bosses said the proposals had been drawn up to help people with mobility problems and parents with pushchairs to navigate the hillside attraction. Dudley Council has now backed the plans for the walkway, which will link Penguin Bay to the Reptile House, allowing visitors to bypass a set of steep steps beside the 11th century castle.

It is one of several planned improvements this year which include a £15,000 revamp of the Reptile House and a walkway over the tapir pool.

Council planning officer Caroline Reeve said: "The proposed development would be small scale in nature but forms part of a number of development projects within the Zoological Gardens."

Chief executive Peter Suddock said the attraction had received feedback the steps, which were constructed in 1937 when the zoo opened, were difficult to negotiate with buggies.

He added the walkway would offer "a direct and level solution to get visitors across the site."

A main pedestrian route at the zoo passes between bear and reptile enclosures and connects these areas to the penguin enclosure.

The route is steep in places and has two flights of stairs set into the hill.

As a result the would-be thieves fled empty-handed.

Earlier this week, contractors were at the store, which is connected to a BP petrol station, securing the wall and removing loose brickwork.

It remains open despite the work. Shop owner Selliah Bala says the raid is the third on his shop since he took over a year ago.

He says it was targeted twice last August. The first time the thieves broke in through a fire exit, a week later two men threatened a shop assistant with a hammer at closing time.

Around £8,000 of cigarettes were stolen during the two raids.

Potential

Mr Bala said: "It is so bad round here, we could never think to open 24 hours because of the potential for thefts. I don't know what to do, we have alarms and CCTV, but that doesn't stop the thieves. I feel helpless."

Despite the third raid in a year, Mr Bala, however, said he would not be giving up running the shop.

The cashpoint targeted by thieves on Sunday is owned by Cardpoint Services Ltd.

Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Councillor Keiran Casey said: "It is a shock that the garage has been targeted again, but I would never call it a particularly bad area for crime."

Lee Page, of West Midlands Police, confirmed officers were investigating.

He said: "The offenders got away in two vehicles after having smashed into the side wall of the building. Forensic investigators attended the scene yesterday." No arrests have yet been made.

Police are appealing for witnesses or for anyone who may have information about any of the raids to contact them.

Remembering The Holocaust



Dudley Holocaust Memorial commemoration service at Dudley College

YOUNG and old gathered for ceremonies across Dudley to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

Services took place across the borough while people stood silently in tribute to those who were slaughtered.

Year 6 pupils of Belle Vue Primary School in Wordsley spent the morning listening to the recollections of Birmingham resident Lia Lesser who survived. The school's deputy headteacher Claire Davies said: "She spoke about her life and how the Holocaust affected her family."

Meanwhile, Dudley North MP Ian Austin was among those who organised the public commemoration at Dudley College. Mr Austin said: "This event was about remembering those who died and also thanking those local heroes, such as Frank Foley and the many other war veterans who I have met, who risked their lives to save others."

Dudley's mayor Melvyn Motttram and the Bishop of Dudley also attended the service, which was run with the help of Dudley Students' Union. Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke spoke at the event.

The Bishop of Dudley and council leader Dave Sparks also spoke at the event, which included a contribution from students from Bishop Milner Catholic School who visited



Survivor Eva Clarke at the service

Auschwitz as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz programme.

Olivia Marks-Woldman, chief executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust said: "The day is about learning from the past to build a better future."

Men used unit as a factory for vodka

A DUDLEY man has been given a suspended jail sentence for his role at an "alcohol factory" making potentially lethal vodka.

A unit was hired using a sham contract storage firm called CPST, a judge heard.

But it produced bogus Arctic Ice vodka using potentially harmful 96 per cent pure industrial alcohol normally found in anti-freeze as its base ingredient. Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Mr Hal Watson, prosecuting, said there was a risk to those involved and people going near the plant as well as a potential health risk to anyone drinking the vodka.

There were 2,572 filled bottles of Arctic Ice, 8,400 empty and 67,500 bottle caps. At least £75,000 duty was due if it was fit to drink.

Michael Woodcock, aged 52, a builder of Greswold Street, West Bromwich, fitted out the unit and built the still. He was jailed for 12 months.

Odd job man Alex Rollason, 19, of Halesowen Road, Old Hill, who worked for eight days, was seized along with driver Gavin Berrow, 42, of Amblecote Road, Brierley Hill, who was paid £200-a-load for deliveries.

They got four-month jail sentences suspended for 12 months with 200 hours unpaid work. All admitted conspiracy to evade duty.

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Big fall for the borough

DUDLEY plummeted in the national rankings for its GCSE and A-level results, losing its old position as the best in the Black Country.

The borough fell 43 places to 110th in a table of local authorities, based on the percentage of pupils achieving at least five A*-C grades at GCSE including English and maths, 56.1 per cent, down from 58.5 per cent.

The average A-level point score also dropped from 741.7 to 683.5 in 2012, sinking the borough from 49 to 102.

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Shoplifter gets two year store ban



Richard Lawley

A PROLIFIC shoplifter has been banned from entering any Spar, Boots or Co-op store in Dudley for two years. Leaflets featuring Richard Lawley's image are to be distributed and anyone who sees him acting suspiciously is asked to call police. Dudley magistrates were told Lawley, aged 33, was arrested outside Boots at the

Merry Hill centre on January 3 as he tried to walk out with aftershave worth £86.50. Lawley, of no fixed address, was charged with two thefts at Spar, High Street, Lye. On September 30 he stole £42.68 worth of cheese and bacon and on October 5 he took chicken and sausages worth £15. On December 12, he also

took power tools worth £19.99 at Home Bargains, Brierley Hill. Magistrates sentenced him to 40 weeks jail and gave him a Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order (Crasbo) banning him from any Spar, Boots and Co-operative store in Dudley borough. Pc Lydia Howard said: "Should he try ignoring the

bans, he'll be arrested and put before the court and face further punishment." She added: "Leaflets featuring his image will also be distributed locally making everyone aware of his Crasbo and I'd encourage anyone who spots Lawley doing anything he shouldn't be to contact Dudley Police by calling 101."

Fake vodka made with 'lethal' anti-freeze mix

TO THE untrained eye they looked like any other off-the-shelf bottle of vodka. But the Arctic Ice being sold at stores across the region actually contained a potentially lethal level of pure alcohol.

Funding is secured to help train youngsters

STOURBRIDGE College has secured funding to help 1,000 employed young adults in Dudley borough.

Cash will be available to help small businesses provide training for workers.

The cash was secured as part of a partnership with Calderdale College.

Work Place Learning is funded by the European Social Fund and co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency with the West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges accountable for driving the £55 million project forward. It promotes 'in work' training for employed people who are looking to progress to higher level qualifications and build on their existing skills.

The partnership delivers across Yorkshire and the Humber, East & West Midlands and in the North East & North West of England. Stourbridge College principal Lynette Cutting said: "We are always looking for additional funding which might be available to deliver training for young people in line with the Local Enterprise Partnership's focus on ensuring we have the right skills in the region to support our thriving economy. "We're delighted to have been awarded this contract."

Packaging

Bottles were found by trading standards officers at shops in Staffordshire, the West Midlands, Shropshire and four other counties.

Fake duty numbers on packaging showed it was from the Birmingham still and another not traced.

The £45,000 plant could produce up to 12,000 litre bottles at a time. It was sold at £45-a-case, providing a £137,000-a-load profit by not paying duty normally due.

Investigators who pounced about three weeks after a rental agreement on the premises was signed found 2,500 bottles of fake Arctic Ice and thousands of litres of 96 per cent industrial alcohol, or methanol, normally used in anti-freeze or cleaning fluids.

It was in 1,000-litre industrial bulk containers delivered by articulated lorry shortly before the raid.

There were also 67,500 bottle caps and 8,500 empty bottles, a labelling



Michael Woodlock, aged 52



Alex Rollason, aged 19



Gavin Berrow, aged 42



One of the bottles seized



Vodka-making equipment at the Birmingham plant

machine and other paraphernalia.

Michael Woodlock arrived as the raid started. He was with Gavin Berrow and Alex Rollason, who received four month sentences, suspended for twelve months, at Birmingham Crown Court.

They must also do 200 hours unpaid work. Woodlock, of Greswold Street, West Bromwich, was jailed for a year after admitting being paid £400-a-week by an unnamed person to find a suitable site for the plant.

He also admitted setting it up and organising paperwork. Berrow, of Ambicote Road, Brierley Hill, was paid £200-a-time to deliver equipment and Rollason of Halesowen Road, Old Hill,

was odd job man. All three admitted attempted evasion of excise duty.

Adrian Farley, Revenue and Customs assistant director of criminal investigations, said they did not take precautions, creating a high risk of an explosion and the risk of loss of life.

Six days before the raid five people died in a blast at an illegal vodka factory in Boston, Lincolnshire. Mr Farley added: "The prospect of something similar happening in the middle of Birmingham is almost too dreadful to contemplate."

The plant had capacity to evade £500,000 duty.

Five flats at historic home are rejected

PLANS to convert a former 19th century glassmaker's home in the heart of Dudley into flats were refused by heritage chiefs who feared too many historical features would be removed.

An application for listing building consent for alterations is for the Wolverhampton Street Grade II listed terraced house, previously home to glass maker John Ranaud in 1871.

Dudley Council planning officer Nicholas Howell said, in a report, that there was no objection to the property being used as housing but they could not support alterations proposed.

The developer wanted to convert the first floor and offices on the second floor into five flats. The basement and outside would remain.

Changes to the first and second floors to create the flats included making an opening in one of the walls and blocking off two "historic door openings." Mr Howell said alterations did not preserve special architectural or historic interest.

Agent Timothy Armstrong, for the applicant, said original features such as the "beautiful feature staircase" and the rooflights would be retained.

Mistakes by nurse claim

A NURSE accused of making a series of mistakes with patients at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital appeared at a misconduct hearing.

The Nursing and Midwifery Council panel was told Seema Faulkner switched off a monitor checking blood pressure of a patient with chest pains for nearly six hours in October 2009.

Accused of making other blunders, she admitted giving intravenous blood when untrained, failing to check a blood sugar measurement, and not checking a patient's blood pressure but denied the rest of the accusations.

Joy at museum

STEADILY rising visitor numbers are being celebrated at Kidderminster's Museum of Carpet.

Since opening on October 19 there were 1,450 paying customers and hundreds of others visited for functions at the museum buildings based at Stour Vale Mill, originally built 1855.

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Plans for housing approved

FORMER industrial land in Dudley has come a step closer to being turned into more than 30 homes after plans passed the final hurdle.

Outline approval for the old Redhill Works, Prospect Row, had been given but developer Reirse Ryan needed permission over appearance, layout, scale of the homes and landscaping.

The scheme will have 29, two-bedroom houses and five three-bedroom houses on acul-de-sac layout. They would have gardens with small patios.

There will be a 61-space car park for residents and visitors. Trees will be planted around the site.

In a report, submitted with the planning application, the developer said: "The proposal will provide new residential accommodation and remove a currently vacant and derelict site."

"It will have benefits for the appearance of the area as well as providing much needed accommodation suitable for those on lower incomes."

One letter of objection had been submitted from a nearby firm which was concerned the development could restrict its business.

New forums set to start

THE first round of the new community forums in Dudley are being held this month.

The public meetings have replaced the outdated area committees and run through February.

The nine forums will focus on issues raised by the public, making it easier for people to report and discuss them with the council and elected members. People can drop in and have their say between February 11 and 20, from 6.30pm.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of Dudley Council, said: "This is a new way for people to have their say on what goes on in the borough and how the council can play a part in it."

Church raided

THIEVES caused damage estimated at £900 and stole a large-screen television during from a church in Kidderminster.

The thieves forced their way into the building at the rear of Baxter's United Reformed Church in the Bull Ring.

Care homes scheme for site of derelict club

A FORMER club site in Stourbridge will be used to build four care homes under plans submitted to Dudley Council.

The derelict building in Ambelcote High Street has lain empty for about a decade and people living nearby have long called for the site to be revamped.

Proposals to demolish Ambelcote War Memorial Club and build four detached care homes for young adults have gone to planning bosses.

Each building would offer four en suite bedrooms for young adults as well as com-

munal lounges and a kitchen. New jobs created would range from care assistants to kitchen staff.

Agent Tommy Wong said in a report: "This proposal represents an opportunity to provide a high quality and well design Care Homes which will help to meet the growing need for care bed spaces."

"The site's unique position, along a main transport route and within a residential area, close to the centre of Stourbridge make it an ideal location for such a facility. The proposed care homes will pro-

vide a range of employment opportunities, from ancillary staff posts such as administration, maintenance, laundry, domestic and kitchen staff to care assistants," he added.

The club has suffered vandalism, fire and weather damage.

Includes

It was founded in 1921 for ex-service men but closed in 2002, due to lack of bookings and activities.

It was on the market for three years and

had a guide price of £175,000 before it was sold in September.

The site includes a bowling green and a car park.

Residents have been calling for action to clean up the site for a number of years saying that the building has become an eyesore on one of the main routes into Stourbridge town centre.

Plans were also submitted in 2009 to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret but the scheme never got off the ground amid traffic concerns.

Brave former sailor Harold seeks medal after 70 years

PENSIONER Harold Tomlinson is applying for a medal to recognise his dangerous war-time work on the Arctic convoys – more than 70 years after his first heroic mission ended in a bill for his "Dad's Army" tin hat.

Mr Tomlinson, now aged 87, was one of the brave sailors who battled through freezing seas to deliver crucial supplies to Russia during the Second World War.

He worked as a gun layer – who controls the angle of elevation of a gun – aboard HMS Dorchester, a battleship that was protecting the convoys, and watched in horror as German submarines sank other ships in the flotilla as he fired on the enemy.

More than 3,000 seamen were killed in the 78 convoys that delivered supplies to the Red Army.

Now he is to apply for a medal after Prime Minister David Cameron announced in Parliament that the men who helped take vital fuel, food and munitions to the Eastern Front will get an Arctic Convoys Star.

Proud

Mr Tomlinson, a great grandfather and widower of Musk Lane West, Gornal, said he joined the navy near the start of the war after an incident when he was in the Home Guard and the Germans dropped bombs on the waterworks in Dudley.

"I took my tin hat off and threw it on top of an incendiary bomb and was really proud of myself," he said.

"I thought I'd get some recognition for it – but all I got was a chit saying I owed for the cost of the tin hat."

"I can't remember how much it was but I thought it was disgusting."

"So I decided I'd join the navy and see if I could get recognition another way."

Mr Tomlinson went on to survive the gruelling journey to Russia aboard HMS

by Louise Jew

Dorchester. "We were circling the convoy to protect it but we would look across and see another of our ships blown up – the German's were devils at watching until we were out of the way," he said.

"We'd just see a big black blotch from the smoke and know that people were losing their lives and it was disaster. We fired on German ships and submarines and sank some of them."

"It was terrifying and every time a wave came over the ship, we had to scrape the ice off the guns."

"But if you put your hands on it, it would burn your fingers off."

Dudley widow Phyllis Coyle, aged 84, carried on a campaign launched by her late husband, Mick, for those who took part in the arctic convoys to get the recognition they deserved.

Mr Coyle, who died aged 85 two years ago, was a stoker with the Royal Navy from 1942 to 1947 and sailed with four convoys to Russia.

And, following the success of the campaign, Mr Tomlinson plans to apply for the Arctic Convoys Star.

He said: "I've tried to blot the memory from my mind – but there are still times I wake up and it comes back vividly. It's taken 70 years but I think it's right we now get that recognition."



Harold Tomlinson who is only now being given a medal



Uniformed Harold, aged 17, when he joined the Navy



The battleship HMS Dorchester on which Harold served helping to protect convoys from German attacks

NEWS

in brief

Nightclub boss is fined over licence

A NIGHTCLUB boss could face jail and a £10,000 fine after failing to hold the correct licences to play music.

Inspectors found Code nightclub in Dudley was playing music without holding a Phonographic Performance Ltd licence.

Mr Justice Floyd imposed a ban on music being played on any premise run by the nightclub's owner Gulzaman Khan until he brings his licence up to date.

Mr Khan was ordered to pay £1,609 in legal costs in the next 14 days.

999 service given praise from MP

AN MP has spoken of her admiration for ambulance staff after a visit coincided with bad weather.

Stourbridge MP Margot James was making a pre-arranged tour of West Midlands Ambulance Service's headquarters recently as the snow began to fall.

The service received more than 2,600 emergency calls – an increase of nearly 14 per cent.

Miss James said: "We in the Black Country are extremely fortunate to have a service we can be confident of."

Have your say in protecting area

RESIDENTS in a Worcestershire village are being asked to help draw up a blueprint to protect the area.

Council chiefs are preparing "a character appraisal" for the Areley Kings Conservation Area.

Wyre Forest District Council would like to hear from residents and firms about important features of the area.

£2m to improve maternity units

MORE than £2 million will be spent on improving hospital maternity units across the region, under new plans.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust received £41,000 for a refurbishment of its inpatient unit at Russell's Hall Hospital.

The Government grant will also be used to upgrade facilities in Wolverhampton and Walsall.

Charity shop raid

BURGLARS caused around £2,000 damage after using a pole and bricks to smash into Scope in Worcester Street, Kidderminster, stealing two acoustic guitars worth around £100.

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SO THAT'S it. In clear, concise language that no-one could possibly misunderstand, the die is cast. The British people will be given a simple, straightforward choice on our future membership of the EU. It is in or out. Or possibly inish or outish. Sort of. A bit. Depending...

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THE reality is David Cameron is standing on the quayside, urging us to step aboard the good ship EU which, even as he talks, is casting off and moving away from us. By the time we get this promised referendum the Eurozone nations at the heart of today's EU will have become a superstate, in effect one nation with one central bank and one economic policy. Simply by standing still, the UK will move away. David Cameron, if he is still PM, will then proudly announce that he has negotiated a new relationship with Brussels and a grateful nation will vote to stay in (even though we will actually be out).

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DURING the wintry spell cars, vans, lorries and the eBay courier, gawd bless him, all managed to get up the farm track to Chateau Rhodes. But the Royal Mail didn't. I am reminded of the graffiti in a post office in New York. On the wall a famous inscription in praise of postal workers declares: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Underneath, someone wrote: "So what is it, then?"

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WHITEHALL decrees that all children must be taught about the First World War. I can just imagine the government-approved curriculum for the 1914-18 conflict: mud, blood, poison gas, lions led by donkeys, Wilfred Owen, pointless sacrifice and let's not offend the Germans. From the 1930s onwards our view of the war as the needless, thoughtless slaughter of a generation at the hands of incompetent generals has been shaped by war poets, pacifists and the bleak, mocking satire of Oh, What a Lovely War! and Blackadder.

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MORE telly anachronisms. A reader claims that in the excellent drama Spies of Warsaw (BBC4) David Tennant was driving a version of the classic Citroen Light 15 which was not produced until well after the war. Mind you, this seems a small niggle, bearing in mind that not so long ago we saw David Tennant arriving in ancient Pompeii in a 1950s police telephone box.

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A HARVARD professor, George Church, is looking for an "adventurous" woman to give birth to a baby Neanderthal, assuming he can create the DNA of our long-extinct relative. I bet the queue is already forming. The eagerness of some women to become Jurassic Park-style surrogates is astonishing. In 1991, the frozen body of a man who died 5,300 years ago was found amazingly well preserved in the Alps. Rumour spread that Otzi, as he is known, contained fertile semen. Scientists were bombarded with requests from women eager to conceive a prehistoric baby. Maybe these ladies want to be famous. Or maybe they are just fed up with modern blokes.

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I HAD to read this letter a few times. A reader cheerfully recalls his school days: "I won an award for my punctuation. They gave me a posh trophy."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Pupils praised in face of slide down the table

EDUCATION bosses in Dudley were have praised pupils and teachers despite the borough slipping down the school league tables.

Dudley fell 43 places down the national rankings for GCSE results, from 67 to 110. Today's figures showed that the overall percentage of pupils gaining at least five A*-C grades at GCSE including English and maths, was 56.1 per cent, down from 58.5 per cent. The floor target for secondary schools includes gaining between five A*-C grades at GCSE. These should include core subjects of English and Maths.

But education boss Councillor Tim Crumpton said the number of pupils achieving five or more A* - C grades, which may include English or maths but not both, had improved. The figure was 83.2 per cent of compared to 81 per cent in the previous year.

He said: "I would like to congratulate all pupils and am extremely pleased to see their hard work and dedication paying off. "The teachers and parents should also take great pride in their support of the young people throughout."

Sank

Meanwhile the average A-level point score per candidate also dropped from 741.7 to 683.5 in 2012, meaning the borough's position sank from 49 to 102nd nationally.

Despite the borough's dip, it did have two schools in the top 200 most-improved state secondary schools for proportion of pupils gaining five A*-C grades. They were the Earls High School, Halesowen, which was 62nd and Ellowes Hall Sports College, Gornal, 148th.

Hagley Catholic High School, Hagley, was also named in the top 200 state schools for A-levels, as the average point score per candidate, including equivalent qualifications was 981.1, which also placed it fourth out of all schools in Worcestershire for A-level performance. Meanwhile in Sandwell pupils achieved the borough's best-ever GCSE examination results which saw it rise 10 places in the national standings. The dramatic rise saw it move up to 128th out of 151 local authorities.

Dudley

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Bishop Milner Catholic	119	70%	7	412.9	3%	840.9	201.2	2
Castle High School	204	40%	18	497.6	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Coseley School, Bilston	177	39%	20	463.5	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Crestwood School, Kingswinford	147	65%	8	581.3	6%	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Dormston School, Dudley	223	36%	21	448.6	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dudley College of Technology	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	527.4	201.1	8
The Earls High School, Halesowen	238	75%	4	517.9	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ellowes Hall Sports College, Dudley	159	85%	1	635.6	6%	625.8	208.6	5
Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School, Stourbridge	25	56%	11	302.2	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Halesowen College	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	559.7	204.1	7
The High Arcal School, Dudley	242	39%	19	466.4	11%	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Hillcrest School and Community College	180	43%	16	528.6	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Holly Hall Academy, Dudley	144	40%	17	552.8	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a
King Edward VI College, Stourbridge	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1063.9	224.5	1
The Kingswinford School & Science College	181	70%	6	488.4	20%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leasowes Community College, Halesowen	228	57%	10	521.8	24%	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Hall Theatre Project, Halesowen	7	0%	22	81.5	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge	92	80%	2	469.5	40%	833.0	223.4	3
Pedmore Technology College, Stourbridge	154	44%	15	470.3	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Redhill School and Specialist Language College	232	78%	3	488.0	32%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ridgewood High School, Stourbridge	180	52%	13	457.3	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a
St Thomas Community Network, Dudley	6	0%	23	24.4	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stourbridge College	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	585.2	207.4	6
Summerhill School, Kingswinford	200	75%	5	496.0	25%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thorns Community College, Brierley Hill	260	55%	12	396.1	6%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Windsor High School Sixth Form Halesowen	277	61%	9	486.8	10%	691.6	211.4	4
The Wordsley School, Stourbridge	152	52%	14	364.5	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a



Head Andy Griffiths with, back, from left, Amrit Dulay, Hannah Cheeseman, Luke Millard, centre, Bethany Brown, Isaac Vassell, James Enright and, front, Kirsten Wilkes

PUPILS and staff have been celebrating at Ellowes Hall Sports College in Dudley as it was named top in the borough for its GCSE results.

It was ranked at 148th in the 200 most-improved state secondary schools table.

It is for the proportion of pupils gaining five A* to C grades.

Last year 85 per cent of pupils achieved five A* to C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and maths at the school, in Lower Gornal.

Head Andy Griffiths said he was pleased to see the school top of the table in the borough for GCSEs. He added: "It's not something we've done before. It's been a decent journey for us to get to this point."

"We were jointly top last year so we're delighted to be there on our own now."

The school was found to be outstanding by Ofsted two months ago.

Key This shows every secondary school, listed by local education authority area. Left to right, after the name and type of school, the columns show:

a. The number of pupils eligible for GCSE and equivalent qualifications. This is defined as the number of pupils at the end of Year 11. b. The proportion of candidates getting five A* to C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and maths. c. The rank within its local authority which the school achieved according to the proportion of pupils getting five Cs at GCSE or equivalent including English and maths. These are broken by average GCSE points score per pupil. d. The average GCSE points score per pupil. GCSEs and qualifications judged to be equivalent to GCSEs are assigned points. For example, a GCSE, grade B = 48 points; BTEC Certificate in Applied Science, Distinction = 52. There are too many qualifications now being included to list each one alongside its points score. e. The percentage of pupils achieving the equivalent Baccalaureate (see notes to Table 5 for explanation). f. The A-Level points score per student, including other 'equivalent' qualifications. g. The A-level points score per exam entry, including other 'equivalent' qualifications. h. The rank within its local authority the school achieved according to its A-Level points score per candidate. Ties are broken by the average number of points score per exam entry.

NOTE: Care should be taken when comparing results for schools with small numbers of pupils eligible for the exams. Schools with five or fewer eligible pupils will have their data suppressed and n/a given instead. A number of secondary schools have become sponsored academies since taking this year's GCSEs and other qualifications.

Ex-sports bar boss sold fake footie top

A FORMER sports bar owner in Stourbridge has been fined for selling a fake England football shirt to a trading standards officer during a sting.

Wayne Etheridge, aged 43, had been due to face two other charges of possessing 112 counterfeit shirts in the lead-up to the 2010 World Cup but these were dropped.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard Etheridge, who used to run The Cross Inn Sports Bar, Glass House Hill, had sold the shirt to officer Laura Fisher.

The shirt was among others later sent to Umbro's head of brand protection who said, due to its lack of quality, it was fake. Ms Fisher said she had been at the pub at about lunchtime on September 12, 2010 and had seen a sign advertising the football shirts for £27.50 each. A genuine shirt sold for about £44.

Etheridge, who declined to comment outside court, was found guilty of two Trade Marks Act charges - selling the shirt with a fake Double Diamond Device logo and a fake Umbro logo.

He was fined £200 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

New homes completed

WORK has been completed on almost 100 new council houses - the first to be built in the Dudley borough for more than 20 years.

Residents have begun to move into some of the houses.

They have been built in Brookmore, Quarry Bank, Hawbusk, Lower Gornal and Upper Gornal.

The 99 properties include two, three and four-bedroom houses, two-bedroom bungalows and three separate apartment blocks each comprising six two-bedroom apartments for use by people with learning disabilities.

Quick response

A HIGH-performance car has been donated to volunteer medics to attend 999 calls more quickly in Birmingham.

The FastAid Community First Responders, trained by West Midlands Ambulance Service, took delivery of the MG6 GT this week.

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Club to get a share of £200,000

A SPORTS club near Stourbridge is to get a share of a £200,000 to fund expansion plans including better pavilions, changing rooms and heating systems.

Envile Athletics Social Club in Hall Drive, Envile, will receive £50,000 from Sport England as part of the refurbishment scheme.

Wooden changing rooms will go at Envile and be replaced with a brick building including disabled facilities, and a new heating system.

Springhill bosses said they were "delighted".

Members faced being barred from their league after the Staffordshire Club Cricket Championship raised concerns on finances and lack of facilities, as they operated out of two portable steel cabins.

Daniel Kinsey, club secretary, said: "This is the first major step towards getting the new pavilion."

Cannock Rugby Union Football Club, Springhill Cricket Club, Lower Penn, near Wolverhampton and Alrewas Cricket Club, near Lichfield are also receiving a share of the funding.

Work can now start on four new changing rooms, showers, a referees' space and a medical room at Cannock this month.

Firewalk to help charity

ANIMAL lovers are being urged to "hot foot it" - and walk on fire to raise funds for a new £2 million pet hospital. The PDSA Firewalk Challenge will take place on March 9 at the De Vere Village hotel, Dudley.

The charity hopes the event, which starts at 6pm, will raise thousands of pounds towards PDSA's Pet Hospital Appeal, to replace its cramped site in Quinton.

Full training and a motivational talk will be provided on the night. There is a £10 registration fee and all participants, who must be aged at least 16, are asked to raise at least £100 in sponsorship. To book visit www.pdsa.org.uk/fund-raising or call freephone 0800 508 8323.

Appeal for funds

MEDICAL staff at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital have launched an appeal for £3,000 to refurbish the relatives' room. They hope to pay for redecoration. Call Margaret Chawro on 01384 456111 extension 2323 for details.

Tributes paid to champion of community



Elsie Maybury - died at 78

A COMMUNITY champion who helped run a senior citizens club in Halesowen for 25 years has died aged 78.

Tributes have been paid to Elsie Maybury by her family and members of the Senior Citizens Drop In Centre, Andrew Road.

Mrs Maybury was central to the success of the centre during her 15 years as co-ordinator.

She was also a long-standing member of St John the Baptist Church and was active in numerous

community activities. Friends from the centre nominated her for the Mayor of Dudley's Civic Awards in 2011.

Belle Vale councillor Jill Nicholls said: "We want to keep the centre going in Elsie's memory, as she has given so much of her life to looking after people here."

Mrs Maybury was raised in Quinton by parents Jessie and Tom Weston, who ran his own butchers shop in the high street. The family, including Mrs Maybury's four

brothers, moved to Peckingham Street, Halesowen, when Mr Weston worked at Hollies Butchers.

After leaving school, she worked as a nurse for nine years at Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen, and Dudley Guest Hospital.

Mrs Maybury met her future husband Jeff through her brother Tom, known by everyone as Lewis, who were both in the Royal Navy.

The couple were married at St John the Baptist Church in November 1956 but were forced to spend

the first nine months of married life apart after Mr Maybury was stationed abroad as a seaman.

They eventually set up home in Hagley Road, Halesowen, and had three children - Ian, Mary and Catherine. They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "She touched so many people's lives," said Mr Maybury, 79.

Mrs Maybury died last month, and more than 170 people attended a service in her memory at St John the Baptist Church.

Pilot's order to jump that probably kept Richard alive

THEY are legendary war stories that have been retold many times in books, documentaries and blockbuster films.

But for former RAF navigator Richard Corser they were a defining part of his life.

Mr Corser died last week at the age of 90. Today, his proud family reveal the remarkable story of his time in action and as a Second World War prisoner of war.

It is a story that includes some of the most iconic moments and faces of the conflict - the Great Escape, the Wooden Horse and pilot Douglas Bader.

It begins with his role as a navigator in an RAF Wellington, based at RAF Honington in Suffolk.

He joined the RAF in 1940 after first being in the Home Guard, serving in No 9 Bomber Squadron.

A year later, at the tender age of 19, his aircraft was hit over Germany and he was ordered to jump from his Wellington.

Ironically, after he and a radio operator bailed out, the pilot decided to attempt to fly on and the aircraft managed to limp back to base.

Daring

Given the low survival rate among RAF bomber crew, the order to jump probably saved Mr Corser's life.

Instead of continuing his job as a navigator, he started a four-year stint in some of the Nazi's most notorious prisoner of war camps.

Most of his time as a PoW was spent at Stalag Luft Three at Sagan, in what is now part of Poland. It was home to some of the war's most daring escape attempts and Mr Corser played his part in helping the effort.

His knowledge of German was utilised to translate broadcasts on radios kept hidden from the guards.

A warrant officer, he helped with the famous Wooden Horse escape from the camp in 1943. He was one of the POWs who helped dispose of sand from the tunnel, dug beneath a vaulting horse, in the compound through small pouches made of old socks in their trousers.

One of the prisoners he knew was Carry On actor Peter Butterworth. After the war, Butterworth, who was one of the prisoners vaulting the horse during the escape, was ironically turned down for a role in the film *The Wooden Horse*. Eric Williams, who was one of the three escapees who successfully



Richard Corser in his flight suit with an Avro Anson training bomber before becoming a navigator

made it back to Britain, also signed a first edition copy of his book about the escape for his old friend.

Mr Corser also knew many of those who escaped from Stalag Luft Three in the Great Escape of 1944, which was made into a Hollywood movie in 1963 starring Steve McQueen, James Garner, and Richard Attenborough.

The tunnel was dug in the officer's compound and 76 men got away before it was discovered by the German guards.

Fifty of the 73 escapees that were recaptured were executed by the Nazis.

It was during this time that Mr Corser met the famous legless fighter ace Douglas Bader, sharing the same hut with him for a



Richard Corser when he joined the RAF aged 18



Richard celebrates his 90th birthday in 2012

time. In 1945 he was among the thousands of POWs who were forced by the Germans to march hundreds of miles across Europe ahead of the advancing Soviet Red Army to camps in Germany.

His son John, of Upper Gornal, explained: "It was obviously an ordeal for those who took part."

"My dad spoke of his horrific memories of the conditions that they faced. It was cold and they had very limited rations."

"He was very proud of his time in the RAF and of what the bombers did to win the war. He was delighted that a memorial to Bomber Command was finally opened in London last year."

"He enjoyed watching the films about

Stalag Luft Three and read extensively about the Second World War."

After being liberated by Allied troops, there was another twist to Mr Corser's early life on his return to Britain. His best friend in No 9 Bomber Squadron was a man called Eric Blackburn, from Irlam in Lancashire, who died during the war when his own bomber crashed in Lincolnshire.

Before his capture, Mr Corser had met Mr Blackburn's sister Marian, and on his return they married and produced six children.

John, aged 53, said: "The whole family is very proud of what he and my uncle did during the war. He used to tell us the stories of his time in the war."

After training as a teacher, Mr Corser and his wife moved from Irlam to Wolverhampton in the late 1950s and then to Sedgley in 1963.

He was principal of the Sedgley Evening Institute for nearly 20 years in the 1970s and 1980s and was also a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the Caterpillar Club for people whose lives were saved by parachute.

"My father had a great love of maps and all aspects of geography," said John. "Sport was also among his loves and he was a keen tennis player and played amateur rugby league in his younger days."

Helped

Mr Corser specialised in remedial education and taught at a number of schools across the Black Country up until his retirement.

He loved to travel and made several visits to Germany in his later years and also visited his sister Heather in the United States where she had moved as a GI bride after the Second World War.

He also helped with the Arcalian Players Dramatic Society based at High Arcal School in Sedgley and made his debut on stage with them in his sixties.

In his seventies he helped start up a neighbourhood watch group in Richmond Road in Sedgley, where he lived for more than 40 years. Marian died in 1998 and he later moved to Tettenhall.

He died in New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton in January after being admitted just before Christmas. He leaves his second wife Betty, six children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held at Gornal Wood Crematorium on Tuesday.

NEWS in brief

Time to nominate for mayor awards

THERE are still a few weeks left to nominate the borough's unsung heroes for the Mayor of Dudley's Civic Awards.

Residents are being urged to put forward those people they think have gone the extra mile in the community, to be honoured in the 10th annual awards before the closing date of February 18.

To nominate visit www.dudley.gov.uk or fill in a form available from borough libraries.

Winners and runners-up will be decided in March with prizes presented during a civic ceremony.

Anglers reeled in over killing Keith

ANGLERS have backed down in a row over the protection of a seal in the River Severn amid fears they wanted the creature shot.

Animal lovers and conservationists, including the RSPCA, condemned a bid by the Angling Trust to obtain a licence to kill the seal. The seal, nicknamed Keith.

Members of the Angling Trust said they will work with groups to find a solution.

Jewellery stolen in home burglary

THOUSANDS of pounds of jewellery including bespoke rings have been stolen from a house in Stourport.

Thieves broke in, causing £200 of damage, at the property in Ribbesford Drive. They made off with rings including a single square diamond band, worth £2,000, and a white gold wedding band, worth £500. Also stolen was a Pandora necklace and earrings set.

Canal to close for £1.5m tunnel work

A £1.5 million project to restore an historic canal tunnel through Dudley has begun after investigations found it was unsafe.

Specialist engineers are starting essential maintenance works to the 1.7 mile long Netherton Tunnel, which serves the Birmingham Canal Navigations network. It will mean the canal will be closed for four months.

Pub's makeover

A PUB in Kidderminster has reopened after a 10-day makeover by the new licensee Trudy Thomas. The Station Inn in Parfield off Comberton Hill has now been refurbished.

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NEWS

Private services bring in £70,000 for hospital

Would-be robber on CCTV



The man tries to grab the chain as the shop assistant hangs on to it

A SHOPWORKER'S finger was injured when a man tried to snatch a gold chain worth £2,700 from a Dudley jeweller's.

Police think the attempted robbery could be linked with a raid in which a £5,000 Rolex was stolen in Staffordshire on the same day.

The raids happened on October 17 but police have only now released the CCTV footage which show the would-be robber's face, appealing for information to track down the culprit.

The suspect went into G&K Jewellers in Plaza Mall, High Street, Dudley, at around 10.10am on the day and asked to see the gold chain.

Shop assistant Gemma Jones, aged 24, was showing it to him, when he suddenly grabbed it and tried to run off.

Gemma was able to keep hold of it and he left empty-handed – but she suffered an injury to her finger.

At around 4pm the same day, the Rolex was stolen from City Jewellers in Market Street, Lichfield. To help call police on 101.



The man at the jewellery counter moments before the robbery bid

DUDLEY'S main hospital has raised more than £70,000 income by offering patients private treatment, including procedures no longer available on the NHS, new figures show.

Twenty-four people have chosen to pay for outpatient appointments or minor operations at Dudley's Russells Hall since the scheme was launched last January.

Figures released by the hospital trust's information governance manager showed the income raised up until last month was £70,031.

Under the Care Plus programme, bosses provide services including cardiology, orthopaedics, plastic surgery and sports therapy to private patients.

Paula Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, has pledged to put any profit back into NHS health care to develop services.

People interested in having a procedure done as a private patient need to get their GP to refer them to the hospital and free parking is available.

The hospital has also begun offering patients having NHS treatment the chance to book a private room.

They cost £80 per night and each one has its own shower room and television while some also have an iPod docking station and a DVD player.

A new agreement

A NEW partnership agreement has been signed between church leaders in the Midlands and Peru.

Bishop John Inge, from the Diocese of Worcester, and Bishop William Godfrey of Peru renewed the special friendship, 21 years after it was founded. A group from Worcester visited Peru in 2012 to discuss the relationship between the dioceses.

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What we were asked many years ago was if we wanted to be a member of the European Economic Community (EEC). This was to be an organisation whose aim was to make trade between the European countries easier to operate.

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evaporate. Initially the French appeared not to want us in.

By the time we became a member the Germans and the French had things all sown up. The Germans had the industry and the French the agriculture. As a result of this our industry went to the wall.

Steel plants such as those in Bilston and Round Oak were closed down. We no longer exported to the rest of the world (we had been sending buses to South America by the ship load). This was the start of the country moving backward.

The EEC evolved into a political

entity. We were forced to accept an inquisitorial legal system rather than our Common Law. We had to accept any law passed by the now European Community (EU) whether they suited us or not.

Let us hope our Prime Minister goes with a positive agenda not spouting, as some have in the past, I will show them what I want then leave us much weaker than when he went.

David Cameron go well prepared and do not be fobbed off with what the EU want us to accept.

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Read the manual on tyres in winter

RE: Rear wheel drive is no use in the snow. Nonsense.

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I would repeat, read your car's handbook on driving in winter conditions.
S PICKETT
Church Street
Brierley Hill

Mystery of the lady with a snow shovel

I WOULD like to express my thanks to a wonderful young lady, whose name I should have got and two gentlemen who helped recover my car from Berrybush Gardens near Sedgely.

There is only one road that exits the estate, Arcal Street a steep incline and Dudley Council had not treated the road thus a lot of the residents would have been unable to leave the estate.

Recently my vehicle, a nice German model but the worst car ever in snow, was stranded, thus I thought it best to leave the vehicle there.

A couple of nights later my friend and I set about recovering the vehicle. Even with 60 years driving experience and almost 28 stone of masculinity between us, all our attempts to move the vehicle couldn't budge it, then suddenly a delightful young lady appeared with a shovel and not only set about digging us out.

Aided by two locals we managed to succeed, I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the two gents who also helped, but moreover I would like to contact the young lady, without whose "expertise" we would still be there.
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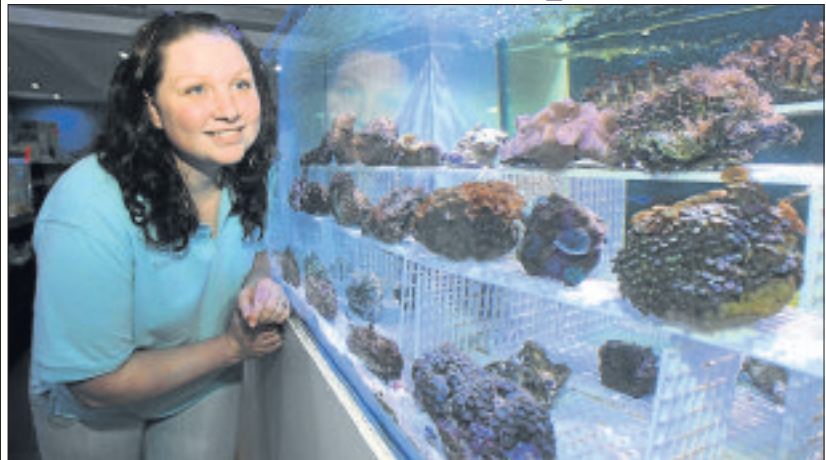
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Some of the marine life on show

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The marine life has come from locations as exotic as Indonesia and Singapore.

Manager Wez Sharif said trade had boosted as families from the town flocked to see the colourful displays. He said it has around 50 soft and hard corals. "They've come from all around

the world and they look wonderful." The shop owners invested "thousands" in the tanks and their contents, but Mr Sharif said it had all been worth it.

He said: "The reaction has been really good and it's pushed sales up. We have had a few people who have never been in before stop by to see the corals."

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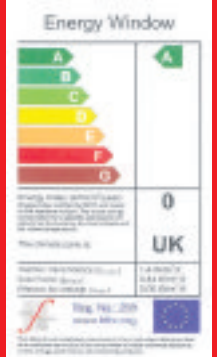
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NEWS

Army cadets chip in to help build stronger ties

Wheels from windfall



Carnival queen Hannah Cornish and, from left, 1st Kidderminster Boys' Brigade's Charlie Tindell, Oliver Reah and James Cook

BOYS' Brigade members are travelling in style thanks to a £2,000 windfall from Kidderminster Carnival organisers.

The donation has enabled the Mitton Hall 1st Kidderminster brigade to replace its old minibus with a newer second-hand 17-seater.

The Brigade raised the remaining £4,000 to buy the vehicle.

Officer Graham Knight said the carnival donation had been a "major" boost.

He said: "We did not expect to raise the money so quickly and we

are very, very grateful to the carnival for its assistance. If we didn't have a minibus it would have a major impact on the company as we also use it to take the boys to camps and weekly activities."

Kidderminster Carnival chairman Colin Hill said: "The committee is delighted to be able to give £2,000 to the brigade and is very grateful for the support its members gave to last year's carnival after being chosen as the main beneficiary." This year's carnival will take place at Brinton Park on Saturday June 22.

ARMY cadets have given their free time to work with the Canal & River Trust to keep towpaths along a canal at Stourport free of litter and vegetation.

Hereford and Worcester Army Cadets gained £3,000 in Ministry of Defence funding to buy safety equipment and tools to complete the project.

Now the cadets intend to roll out the activity to more detachments.

Meanwhile Worcestershire County Council is encouraging other groups to apply for a slice of a £30 million funding pot which is being allocated for spending across the country before April 2015.

The money is available to support local projects aimed at strengthening ties and mutual understanding between the Armed Forces and local residents.

Applications for funding between £100 and £250,000 will be considered and can be submitted by volunteer groups, charities, and public bodies.

Any group wanting to be considered needs to submit an application to the Worcestershire Armed Forces Community Covenant Working Group before 5pm on February 1.

Councillor Rob Adams, Worcestershire County Council chairman, said: "This is excellent news that Worcestershire communities are already benefiting from a successful application for Ministry of Defence funding."

Nursery gets lower rating

A NURSERY in West Bromwich has been described as 'satisfactory' by Ofsted, one grade lower than its last inspection when it received a 'good' rating.

Inspectors visited YMCA Black Country Group Nursery in Carters Green in December. A newly-published report said: "Children are warmly welcomed into a bright and clean environment by staff..." But the report said there were not enough positives to put the nursery in the 'good' bracket.

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NEWS

Football club bosses are defiant in face of arson



A portable building used by Mostyn Rangers Football Club was destroyed in a suspected arson attack

BOSSES of a Kidderminster football club have vowed not to be beaten by arsonists who destroyed their changing rooms.

Two portable toilets and changing rooms belonging to Mostyn Rangers FC were burned down in the attack at the playing fields off Zortech Avenue.

Club secretary Steve Fox said the club had been left upset by the attack to the building which will cost at least £1,000 to replace, while the equipment it contained - which included goalposts, nets, corner flags and kits - was worth up to another £300.

But he said management would hold

an emergency meeting on January 29 to discuss replacing the facilities, which were used by both men and children's teams.

He said: "We need to get it up and running as soon as possible. The facilities are not covered by insurance, so this will be a significant hit for the club in these hard times."

Upset

"We are very upset. The managers have put in a lot of hard work at the club and it's all voluntary."

"We have been here since 1974 using these facilities."

Mr Fox added that matches and training sessions would continue as normal at the grounds, which are

owned by Stourbridge College, once the harsh weather had subsided.

The fire was discovered shortly before 10.50am on January 16. The blaze, which melted the toilets and seriously damaged the building.

Pe Dan Southan said: "We are investigating this as arson and want to hear about any sightings of people near those facilities on the field there from around 11am on January 16."

"The grounds can be seen from Burlish Top and any golfers on the adjoining course may also have noticed if anyone was there at the time."

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MP voices fears on rise of pay day loan stores

Nursery marks its 15th anniversary



Owner Debbie Mason with youngsters Chloe Gosling aged three, Ben Cochrane and staff at Playbox Nursery as they get ready for their 15th birthday

YOUNG tots baked cakes and sang Happy Birthday to celebrate the 15th anniversary of a nursery in Kingswinford. Play Box Nursery marked the occasion with a week of activities, including trampolining, painting and an outing to Himley Park.

It ended with a party at the nursery, on 3rd Avenue, The Pennett Estate, where the youngsters baked a muffin cake and sang songs. Nursery owner Debbie Mason said: "It was such good fun. The kids all made their own party hats and sang Happy Birthday to the nursery. When we first opened it was just going to be a small family business, but now some of the children who first started coming here are at secondary school. It feels very special."

In September the business opened a pre-school in Wall Heath Community Centre, in Envile Road, which takes up to 26 children aged between three and four years old.

Ms Mason said she was now looking for new premises in which to open another nursery by the end of the year.

She said: "We have looked into a few different places but none have worked out so far."

Britannia name to go from high street

THE Britannia building society name is set to disappear from the West Midlands.

It means branches in Dudley will be rebranded as the Co-operative Bank. And 37 branches across the country, including Wolverhampton, will close. The move follows the society's merger with the Co-operative Bank back in 2009.

More than three dozen branches of the Britannia building society will close as the historic Staffordshire firm fades out after more than 150 years.

Remaining former Britannia branches will be rebranded as Co-op banks. The move will affect branches in Halesowen, Blackheath, Kidderminster and West Bromwich.

The Co-op Bank says 34 jobs will be lost – mostly managerial – but most of the 188 staff at the 37 doomed offices will be moved to neighbouring branches.

It is still unclear how the move will affect Stoke City, which has been sponsored by Britannia since the naming of the new football stadium in 1997.

The current sponsorship deal runs until the end of the football season in 2014. Founded in 1856 as the Leek and Moorlands, it adopted the Britannia name following its merger with the Oldbury Britannia in 1975.

Branches are being shut where there is another close by as part of an overhaul following its merger with Britannia building society in 2009.

A DUDLEY MP has spoken out against the increase in pay day loan companies offering quick cash to customers, which are becoming an increasingly common sight on high streets in the Black Country and Staffordshire.

Ian Austin, who represents the north of the borough, says he is concerned about the growing number of firms offering small-term loans saying it could lure borrowers into ballooning debts.

He said the number seeking pay day loans nationwide had increased by 300 per cent in the past two years. The MP said in Dudley High Street, the number of shops offering quick cash has risen to six in recent months. They include The Money Shop, Speedy Cash and the Cheque Centre.

In Wolverhampton there are four within the ring road while Sandwell has five and Walsall two. There are two in Cannock, two in Kidderminster and three in Stafford's main precinct.

Pay day loans are described as small short-term loans which often have very high rates of interest. People often turn to them to tide them over until their next pay day.

Mr Austin believes the Government should cap the cost of credit and he would

by Sharon Marrs

promote the work of those offering more affordable loans, like credit unions.

He added: "I am going to talk to the council to see what more can be done to promote the work of lenders like credit union Castle and Crystal in Dudley."

Mr Austin said that, unlike pay day loan companies, the credit union offered affordable loans with modest rates of interest.

Spokesman for the pay day loan company Cheque Centre, which has branches in the region including Dudley, Jason Wassell, said: "Our average loan is about £200 until pay day, and most customers have no trouble paying when their loan is due. We are always happy to discuss our business with community leaders."

3,000 have their say on council tax

AROUND 3,000 residents responded to a council tax consultation in Dudley – despite a row breaking out between the borough's leading parties about the survey.

Councillors are asking whether residents are prepared to accept an increase in council tax to try to offset multi-million pound cuts.

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Opposition councillors have called the consultation a "complete sham" after claiming major decisions on next year's budget will be made at a cabinet meeting on February 12.

The consultation closes at the end of the month.

But finance chief Councillor Pete Lowe dismissed the accusations. He said the authority was holding the largest consultation Dudley had seen into the issue, adding: "Even after the meeting, there is time for people to have a say."

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NEWS

Speed cut bid for blackspot

TRAFFIC-calming measures could be installed at a notorious accident blackspot near Kidderminster.

Hundreds of people signed a petition calling for the speed limit along the A449 at Cookley to be reduced from 60mph to 40mph after a 22-year-old shop worker died after losing control of her car on the same stretch of road last September while travelling from Wolverhampton to Kidderminster.

The petition, bearing 350 names, was handed over to Worcestershire County Council shortly before Christmas.

Councillor Chris Nicholls, of Wyre Forest District Council, has been campaigning to have the speed limit reduced since the death of Natasha Marie Kew, of High Street, Wordsley. He said he was "hoping speed restrictions or traffic-calming measures might be introduced along the stretch of road". Councillor Nicholls said he was surprised that speed enforcement had been toughened up at an often traffic-snarled spot on the A449 Wolverhampton Road at Broadwaters.

Newsagent couple are calling it a day



Surendra Patel and his wife Kala celebrate their retirement after 33 years with daughters Divya, left, and Dilusha and her husband Joydeep Ghoshdastidar

A COUPLE have sold their final newspaper after closing the the newsagent they have run for more than 30 years.

Surendra and Kala Patel started running Dilsur News, in Alexandra Road, Halesowen, in July 1980 but after years of early-morning starts, the couple, both aged 61, have decided it is time to retire.

They were joined by daughters Divya, 27, and Dilusha, 35, for their last day.

No-one is taking over the running of the shop but the family plan to continue living above it in the short term. Over the past 32 years, the couple have had only three week-long holidays due to the demands of the shop. Mr Patel said: "That is one week a decade."

"We have had a wonderful time and a wonderful life here at the shop."

"It has been excellent being a part of this community and we have a lot of great memories."

MP welcomes freeze on car parking fees

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has welcomed plans to freeze parking charges to help the district's struggling businesses.

Council bosses want to scrap the five per cent increase in parking charges in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport which was due to come into force in October.

Wyre Forest District Council agreed last year to put up the prices but the cabinet has decided it's not right time to impose further charges. A final decision on the proposals will be taken by the full council on February 27.

Mr Garnier welcomed the proposals, saying: "Wyre Forest District Council has to perform a tricky balancing act with car parking fees."

Council leader John Campion said: "We don't believe that now is the right time to increase parking charges further."

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NEWS

£1.6m development to help homeless under way

WORK has begun on a £1.6m housing development providing accommodation for young people at risk of being made homeless.

The centre in Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster will help 16 to 25-year-olds access training and employment as well as provide somewhere safe and secure to live.

The Foyer scheme will be managed by St Basil's, a regional charity which works to prevent youth homelessness.

Once completed the development will have 19 accommodation units, office space for staff and training space for the residents.

Service manager Emma Poole said: "St Basil's has been in Kidderminster since 2009 providing support to local young people and we can see how important schemes like this are."

"It will mirror the scheme we have in Bromsgrove which has proved to be a great success."

Funding for the project has come from various sources including the WM Housing Group, the Homes and Communities Agency, Worcestershire County Council and Wyre Forest District Council. The development is in the "Eastern Gateway" of Kidderminster town centre which has been earmarked for regeneration by the district council.

Councillor Anne Hingley, said: "This new development will make a real contribution to reducing levels of youth unemployment and homelessness."

"The council is approached by many young people every year. Unfortunately, good quality, supported accommodation is very limited. This scheme will make a difference to the lives of the district's young people."

Charity shop needs help

A CHARITY shop in Kidderminster is looking for donations and volunteers.

Sense is asking people to bring their unwanted furniture, electrical goods and bric-a-brac to its Coventry Street store.

Mystery can be murder



Colin Young as Inspector Craddock and Sandy Tudor as Letitia Blacklock

SUPER sleuth Miss Marple will be finding out whodunnit in the latest show at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre.

Resident company The Nonentities will be performing Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced runs until February 2.

The play is set in the village of Chipping Cleghorn. Publicity manager Kerena Taylor said: "The Nonentities production of A Murder is Announced will be a treat for lovers of mysteries full as it is with weird characters, dramatic situations and enough red herrings to sink a trawler."

Performances will take place at 7.30pm. The theatre says tickets are

selling well and advising people to book early. The next production by The Nonentities will be Ira Levin's Deathtrap from February 25 until March 2. Famed playwright Sidney Bruhl debuts the latest in a series of Broadway flops and returns to his opulent Long Island home and his sympathetic but sick wife, Myra.

Kidderminster Operatic & Dramatic Society will then perform their version of High Society at the theatre from March 7-16.

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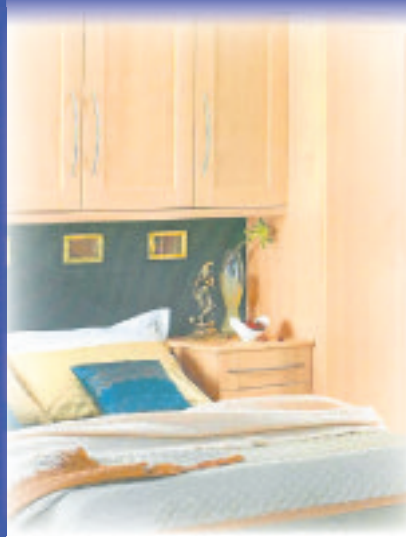
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Worries as figures showing economy shrinking yet again

WORRYING figures published last week show the economy shrank again at the end of last year.

A few more months of that and we'll be back in recession.

With unemployment in the Black Country nearly twice the national average and nine people chasing every job in Dudley, people around here are bearing the brunt.

Half of the country saw yet another rise in unemployment, the long-term dole figures are up again, as is youth unemployment.

Back in 2010 the economy was recovering, but the Tories brought the economy to a standstill.

After two and a half years with no growth at all and a double-dip recession, even the International Monetary Fund is losing patience with Cameron and Osborne.

Last week David Cameron dishonestly claimed the Government was 'paying down Britain's debts'.

But I think people will be shocked to discover the truth which is that national debt is actually rising.

It's set to go up by 60 per cent over the course of this Parliament, meaning it will rise more over five years than it did over thirteen under Labour.

Cameron's pokies are a poor attempt to deflect attention from their failing economic strategy.

With the Budget just round the corner, the IMF



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"There is a real sense that everything is going up. It's not just petrol or gas and electricity, it's also food and car insurance."

has warned again that we need a change of course to kick-start the economy.

One of the things I want to see is the introduction of a temporary VAT cut to boost family incomes.

Seriously

Talking to constituents I sense that something has changed, families and individuals are seriously worried now.

There is a real sense that everything is going up. It's not just petrol or gas and electricity, it's also food and car insurance.

My guess is we all tried to spend a little less at Christmas and holiday plans will be made carefully, if they can be afforded at all.

Many people have had to stop saving and too many families are just managing

to make ends meet.

In 2011 and 2012 I asked people in my constituency how they were dealing with the rising cost of living.

I am doing it again but on a much bigger scale, involving many more people.

Ahead of the Budget I want to send the Chancellor a comprehensive report "Rising Cost of Living in Dudley" based on people's answers. I will use it to put pressure on him to look again at what he is doing.

The longer the Government clings on to its failing plan, the more long-term damage they will do to our economy.

David Cameron and George Osborne must now put political pride aside and put the national economic interest first.

Dudley Holocaust Memorial Commemoration. More than two hundred people braved icy roads, sub zero temperatures and deep snow to attend the Holocaust Memorial Commemoration last Friday.

I want to thank everybody who attended. I'd particularly like to thank Dudley College Students' Union who help organise the event and this year's speakers, especially the students from Bishop Milner and Oldswinford who spoke about their experiences visiting Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust.

It was a very moving service and we were privileged to hear the haunting account of Holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke.

Liberation

She spoke powerfully about her families' experiences in the Nazi concentration camps and of her own incredible story - born three days before the liberation of Mauthausen and surviving only because the German guards had burned the camp's gas chambers in a bid to conceal the evidence of murder on an industrial scale.

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Round Oak was preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary when the axe came



MP John Blackburn campaigned to save the works



A casting machine inside Round Oak Steel Works, Brierley Hill

Tea break came with news of steel works closure and 1,200 lost jobs

IT was a tea break Michael Lyon will never forget. The crane operator at Round Oak Steel Works was in the rest room with around 25 workmates when reports came through on the radio that their plant would be closing, with the loss of 1,200 jobs.

"It was the first we had heard about it," he says. "Apparently the union had known about it for some time. We were just totally shocked, there were quite a few swearwords and words about the union man. It wasn't very pleasant."

It is 30 years since Round Oak, the last major steel plant in the West Midlands, shut its doors for the last time.

Just a few years earlier, half of the Black Country had reverberated to the dull thud of the steel-making industry, the smoking chimneys of Round Oak, Brierley Hill, Patent Shaft Wednesbury, and Stewarts and Lloyds, Bilston, forming the backdrop to the Black Country skyline.

By Christmas 1982 they had all been consigned to history. Bilston had been the first to close in 1979, and Patent Shaft followed suit the following year.

But all the hopes that this rationalisation would secure the future of Round Oak, which had been preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary, melted away like a lump of pig iron entering a furnace.

Michael, now 71, had been with the company for 14 years when the plant closed. His son Ian, who worked as an apprentice bricklayer at the works, also lost his job. "It was a fantastic place to work, I enjoyed going to work

by Mark Andrews

every day, I don't think there are a lot of people who can say that," he says.

"Everybody helped each other out, if anything went wrong, we all pulled together, you would never get anybody say 'that's not my job'."

"The bosses there would bend for you as well, they would try to help you, and then when they wanted a favour, you would give them the favour back."

Round Oak was founded in 1857 by the Earl of Dudley, as an outlet for the pig iron from the blast furnaces which proliferated the area. At the height of the industrial revolution, most of the world's iron was made within 20 miles of the plant.

The earl already owned coal and iron mines, limestone quarries, sand-pits and blast furnaces, and his agent Richard Smith saw a large, modern ironworks as the perfect way to use these resources.

Replace

He bought 28 acres of land, a private railway, mines and minerals under the land from the Earl of Aberdeen, and the plant quickly built up a reputation, winning a medal at the 1862 International Exhibition for "fine collection of iron of good quality".

As steel began to replace iron in the 1880s, the plant was rebuilt on a much larger scale, and the five chimneys which towered above Brierley Hill became known as 'The Cunader', because of their resemblance to a giant cruise ship.

Michael, who lives in Kinver, says jobs at Round Oak

were much sought after in the steel trade when he joined as a 27-year-old in 1968. "At the time, I was working for Titan Steel Wheel at Cookley, near Kidderminster," he says. "In those days it was very hard to get a job at Round Oak. You usually had to know somebody who already worked there, but luckily enough, I just applied for a job and got accepted."

At its peak, 3,000 people were employed at the 50-acre site, but the 1970s saw a big fall in demand and 1,750 jobs were cut in the three years prior to closure.

Just two months before closure, personnel director Ian Copland had assured the remaining workers that their jobs were safe. Pledges were made to save the works and the Government agreed to look at a rescue package put forward by Dudley West Tory MP John Blackburn. But it was all to no avail.

Michael Lyon remembers a sombre mood in the plant on the last day. "At noon they told us we could go if we wanted, and most just ran out as soon as it was time," he says.

After leaving Round Oak, Michael set up taxi and window cleaning businesses.

Buildings like the main office block in Dudley Road survive to this day, but most of the works was demolished in 1984. The site is now home to the Waterfront offices, with Merry Hill shopping centre nearby.

Michael says: "I can still recognise where I worked, in the No. 3 bay, right opposite the Blue Brick pub," he says. Occasionally he goes back to the site to do a spot of shopping, but not very often.

But he adds: "They've had my job off me - they're not having my money, too."



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NEWS

Food scheme stops

A SUCCESSFUL pilot project that managed to collect more than 300 tonnes of food for underprivileged families will not run again.

With 22 per cent of the borough's families living below the poverty line the contributions of voluntary organisations last year made a difference to 14,830 children and young people.

The Big Meal Deal scheme run by Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) with help from West Midlands Police, schools, libraries and businesses such as Barclays Bank and The Co-op included several projects that managed to feed thousands.

Events took place at fifty-five designated drop-off points across the borough, managing to collect £1,818.51 and 1,537 items of food from people, groups and

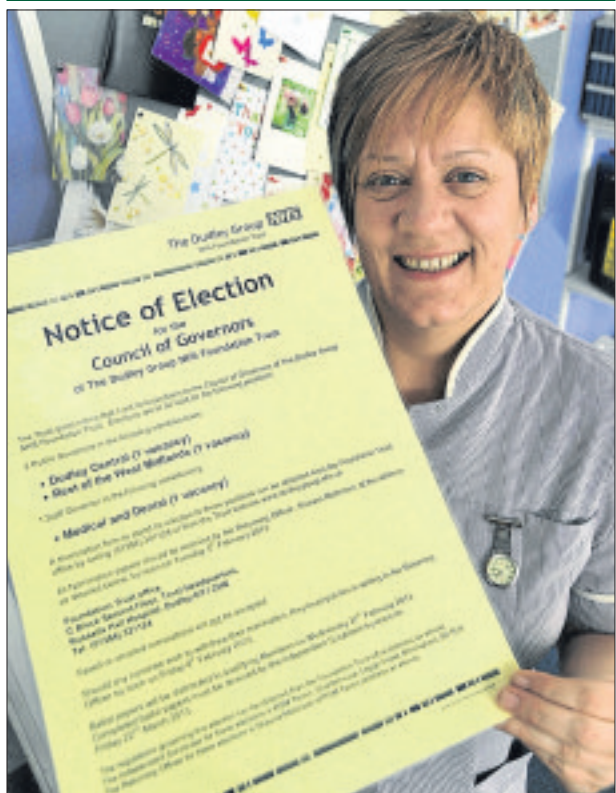
businesses which were then redistributed among 12 organisations and 19 schools.

Nicki Burrows, Children, Young People & Families Development Officer at Dudley CVS, said: "It was a really ambitious project from the start but it's been a great year."

"The project raised awareness and fed hundreds of children as well as getting young people involved with helping their peers."

Despite its success it was agreed that the pilot project would not be repeated for a second year, but Mrs Burrows added: "As a result of the Big Meal Deal a lot more people are doing more to give food and donations and we have had requests from other authorities interested in what we have done."

Trust wants new governors



Staff-elected governor, Julie Walklate works at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley

DUDLEY'S hospital trust wants new governors to represent patients.

There are vacancies in the public constituencies of Central Dudley and the Rest of the West Midlands, which takes in the outskirts of the borough, Sandwell and Birmingham areas. Those elected will sit on the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's council of governors, which oversees health care and aims to make improvements.

Nominees can be Foundation Trust members or from the wider community. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, February 5. Dudley Group chairman John Edwards said governors play an important part.

To request a nomination form, call Helen Board on 01384 321124, email foundationmembers@dgh.nhs.uk or go to www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk



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NEWS

Hundreds check out the plans for supermarket

HUNDREDS of people poured into an event to unveil plans for a new budget supermarket.

A few had reservations about the extra traffic that the proposed Lidl store would create in Kingswinford.

But the vast majority signed a petition in favour.

Lidl is applying to Dudley Council for planning permission for the store on the Duckworth Trading Estate in Stallings Lane, which would create around 40 jobs.

Within two hours of an open day more than 200 people had attended.

The event was held at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club in Swindon Road, Wall Heath.

"It's been so busy and the free samples of food and drink have been so popular that already we've had to send to our Amblecote store for more fresh bakery products because they were running out," said Lidl acquisitions manager Donna Commock.

By 1pm - two hours after the start - around 55 people had signed a petition giving people the option to be for or against the plans, with only four objecting.

Variety

Those against said it was too near their homes, there were too many supermarkets in the area and it would increase traffic problems.

But others registered to be notified when Lidl jobs became available.

Kathryn Clarke and June Thompson, both of Sandyfields Road, Sedgley, said they used the Morrisons in Kingswinford at the moment but would welcome the variety of also having a Lidl in the area. Brian Colwell, of Dubarry Avenue, Kingswinford, said: "I was concerned about the traffic the Lidl would create but, after seeing the plans, I am pleased they will be widening the access road, so it should be OK."



An artist's impression of the proposed new Lidl store at Kingswinford



June Thompson and Kathryn Clarke

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John Hale, aged 74, of New Dudley Road, Wall Heath, said: "We've used the Lidl at Amblecote and it's good



Sheila Colwell and Brian Colwell

value - and if they have a shop in Kingswinford it will bring more competition for Morrisons." Richard Lee, aged 67, of Swindon Road, Wall Heath, said his only worry was traffic.

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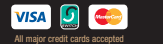
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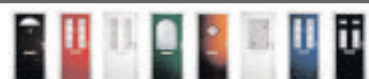
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The New Year saw the group welcome Patricia Boyd who presented Upstairs and Downstairs. She proved to be a knowledgeable humorous and charismatic speaker and the ladies proved a captive audience.

Patricia imparted many historical facts relating to the army of servants employed by the well-to-do and she brought along many props, photographs and tea towels all depicting the era. The war years, the vote for women and social economical changes resulted in a wind of change and a huge depletion of servants.

On Tuesday, February 12 at Coven Memorial Hall from 7.30pm, the group is looking forward to Scott Petrek of the Wildlife Trust who will present Dooey Marshes.

There will also be a sales table of miscellaneous items.

On February 18, the group will enjoy a meal out to celebrate the anniversary of its formation.

Phone 01902 790417 for more details.

'Birdman' ruffles feathers with talk



Guest speaker Colin McShane - Birdman Of Brewood

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AT THE January meeting, Colin McShane talked to the group about our 'Feathered friends'.

Known as the Birdman of Brewood and a member of Brewood Ringers, he gave a really interesting and amusing talk about the lives and habits of those birds visiting our gardens.

Members learned how to recognise them, how they feed and how to help them through the winter.

Finally, Colin encouraged the ladies to join in with the RSPB's big bird watch and members armed with counting forms will be ready to check on bird life in their gardens.

Festive activities well supported by members

CHRISTMAS activities were all well supported by members of the guild when the Haven Singers came to entertain.

Several members were able to attend the carol service at St John's in the Square where the ladies met up with other local guilds and the ever-popular Marston Singers.

A Christmas Lunch at the Goldthorn Hotel was very good and our festive tree at the URC helped to raise £505.

WOMBOURNE E TOWNSWOMEN

Speaker Edwin Shore made another welcome visit in January with a most interesting and entertaining talk entitled National Service. Chris Corns held a

coffee morning in aid of Wings on January 24 and there will be a visit to Wolverhampton Art Gallery on February 21 at 10.30am.

At the next meeting on February 14, the annual subscriptions are due and the talk is about the Ifakara Bakery Project.

It takes place from 7.30pm in Wombourne Community Centre. Visitors are always welcome.

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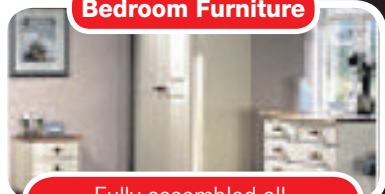
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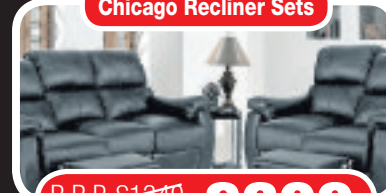
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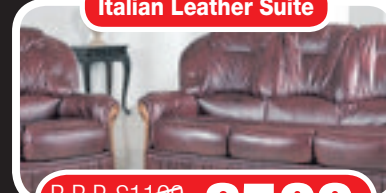
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Time warp classic that is timeless

The Rocky Horror Show, New Alex, B-ham
CELEBRATING its 40th year, Richard O'Brien's cult hit The Rocky Horror Show remains the sexiest stage musical on the planet.

For the uninitiated, it is a hilarious celebration of the B-movie, following newly engaged couple Brad and Janet as they take shelter at the home of a mad transvestite scientist, Frank-N-Furter, who has been building the perfect muscle man.

The latest production, directed by Christopher Luscombe, will not have disappointed die-hard fans who, as always came dressed, in their wigs and suspenders and rocked along to the Time Warp.

Of particular note were Roxanne Pallett, playing Janet, Ben Forster, as Brad, and Philip Franks narrating. Rhidian kept up with the best of them.

As is traditional, the audience interjected with regular vulgar outbursts (leave the kids at home for this one). Rocky Horror runs until Saturday.

Will Ackermann

Diamond tribute sparkles in show

Real Diamond, The Grand, W-ton
NEIL Diamond fans were rewarded with a real gem of a show, celebrating the singer's 73rd birthday.

John Hylton's vocal tribute to his hero was as near as one can get to the legend himself.

Les Jowett

Classic Christie whodunnits bring mystery and murder

MYSTERY grips two theatres in the region with the arrival on tour of a pair of Agatha Christie plays, one of them the most famous whodunnit in British stage history.

The Mousetrap, the longest running show in the West End with more than 25,000 performances during 60 years, is coming to Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre as part of its first UK tour, to mark its diamond anniversary.

It's at the Alex from Monday to Saturday with a cast including Karl Howman (from TV's Brushstrokes), Bruno Langley (Coronation Street), Graham Seed (from radio's The Archers) and former EastEnders Elizabeth Power, Steven France, Jemma Walker and Clare Wilkie. Bob Saul reprises his West End role as Sgt Trotter.

Rock and soul gigs to relish

AN EXCELLENT late winter and spring for gigs is in prospect in the Black Country and Birmingham.

Highlights include a visit by legendary Stax and Blues Brothers guitarist Steve Cropper, teaming up with members of The Animals at The Robin 2 in Bilston tonight (Thursday).

Chart-topping teenaged singer-songwriter Jake Bugg is at Birmingham HMV Institute on February 19.

BBC DJ and former Fun Lovin' Criminal, Huey Morgan brings his New Yorkers to the Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, on March 9.

Welsh rockers The Stereo-phonics road test new album Graffiti On The Train at Wolverhampton Civic on March 16.

Daughter

The Mousetrap is also going to be staged at Wolverhampton Grand in late May.

Meanwhile, The Official Agatha Christie Theatre Company bring Go Back To Murder, in which a daughter seeks to clear her mother's name, to the Grand from Monday to Saturday.

The star-studded cast includes film and TV actors Sophie Ward (Land Girls), Lysette Anthony (Three Up Three Down), Robert Duncan (Drop The Dead Donkey), Ben Nealon (Soldier Soldier), Gary Mavers (Peak Practice) and Smethwick-born Liza Goddard.



Opera and family combine in a poignant theme for comedian Mark Thomas

Bravo idea for comic's latest tour

COMEDIAN and activist Mark Thomas has exposed arms dealers and abuses of civil liberties and is as handy with a megaphone as a microphone - holding the world record for the most individual protests held in a day.

In recent years he has been rambling along the Israeli border and travelled around Britain collecting clauses for his Manifesto, on BBC Radio 4.

But the theme of his latest tour is a more personal affair, the story of Mark's father, a builder with a love of opera. It tells of the comedian's attempt to put an opera on at the Bournemouth bungalow home of his father, who has a degenerative disease.

It is about love, death, fathers and sons, and the search for peace... with quite a few gags thrown in.

The Bravo Figaro tour brings him to Stourbridge Town Hall on Friday, February 15. Meanwhile, he will be back to his Manifesto at the Glee Club in Birmingham on Thursday, March 7.

Felons' farce is criminal genius

The Ladykillers, Grand W-ton

SCREENWRITER William Rose's original black comedy, about a criminal gang posing as a string ensemble to fool their elderly landlady, is given a broad farce treatment aiming for big laughs, which it achieves. An excellent cast and an ingenious set ensure a satisfying production.

Paul Bown is a treat as the slightly deranged would-be criminal mastermind whilst Michelle Dotrice is his delightful nemesis as the semi-senile, stubborn senior.

The rest of the gang are colourful characters too, William Troughton as a pill-popping young villain, Cliff Parisi as a word-mangling Romanian cut-throat, Clive Mantle as a nervous common with transvestite tendencies and Chris McCalphy as a punch-drunk former boxer with a soft streak.

The other star is Michael Taylor's award-nominated set, a lopsided and subsided skewiff Victorian house. This is an exuberant play and runs until Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

Singers to bring sound of musicals

STARLIGHT Singers will perform numbers from musicals at Stourport Civic Hall on February 9.

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Clare Balding

Britain's Brightest
BBC1, 7pm

Given his offbeat turns on Mock the Week, it's little wonder Milton Jones' star has been on the rise for some years now. This week he'll be helping to raise a few laughs on Clare Balding's puzzle-themed show, and with next week's final being the main focus for the final six contestants, it'll be intriguing to see who has the right stuff to make it through to the series end. Aside from Mr Jones, other challenges involve those nutty boys/men Madness, and a German bottle band. As ever the self-confessed brainboxes aim to get that one step closer to claiming the prize of £50,000.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **3.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.15** **Pointless Celebrities.** With brother and sister Colin Jackson and Suzanne Packer. (R) **7.00** **Britain's Brightest.** The last six contestants compete for the remaining place in next week's final, taking on challenges involving pop group Madness, comedian Milton Jones and a German bottle band. **8.00** **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Myleene Klass. **8.50** **Casualty.** Jordan's return to Holby reaches a dramatic climax when he is called upon to save the life of the person who killed his girlfriend. Michael French stars. **9.40** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Rory and Dino have a bust-up. Mark and Betty announce their imminent departure to Australia and a strange phone call causes the Brown children to suspect one of them may be adopted. (R) **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Including action from Fulham v Manchester United; National Lottery Update. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Devil's Canyon. (1953) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** Meet the Ancestors. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **12.30** Mastermind. (R) **1.00** University Challenge. (R) **1.30** Talking Pictures. **2.10** Film: Anchors Aweigh. (1945) **4.25** Final Score. **5.30** The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. (R) **6.30** **Floy** Ili James Lewis and Kate Bliss value items in Stroud. (R) **7.00** **Top Gear.** The motoring magazine returns. Jeremy Clarkson builds a small car and pitches the concept in the Dragons' Den, and Damian Lewis is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R) **8.00** **Dad's Army.** Sergeant Wilson joins the aristocracy. (R) **8.30** **Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee.** Part two of two. Broga continues to raise the three joey he rescued in his one-room tin shack in the Outback, but one of them is seriously ill. **9.30** **Howard Goodall's Story of Music.** The composer examines the extraordinarily fertile musical period between 1650 and 1750, which saw innovations including the orchestra, the overture, modern tuning and the piano. Also on BBC HD at 11pm. **10.30** **QI XL.** With Nina Conti, Sean Lock and Bill Bailey. (R) **11.15** Film: **The Good Shepherd.** (2006) Fact-based spy drama, starring Matt Damon and Robert De Niro.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.25** Countrywise. (R) **1.40** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **2.40** Dinner Date. (R) **3.45** Film: The Flintstones. (1994) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** **New You've Been Framed!** **Top 100 Talent.** **7.00** **Splash!** The final, which sees the four remaining celebrity divers attempting to somersault, twist and pike their way to victory. Last in the series. **8.30** **Take Me Out.** A guitar teacher, a 999 call operator, a choir leader and a butcher enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents the dating show. **9.45** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to comedian Eddie Izzard, broadcaster and naturalist David Attenborough, stand-up-turned-actor Russell Brand and action-film star Dolph Lundgren. With music by Pulp. **10.50** ITV News; Weather. **11.05** Film: **Pride and Prejudice.** (2005) Period drama, starring Keira Knightley. **1.25** Jackpot247. **2.55** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Beach Volleyball. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.30** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.05** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.35** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **6.05** **Come Dine with Me: Ireland.** Former lawyer Fiona Buckley, now a nut trader, hopes her belly of pork main will be enough to win her the 1,000 euro prize as she hosts the final dinner party in Cork. **6.35** Channel 4 News. **7.05** **4thought..tv.** People of different faiths talk about how their religion views the consumption of alcohol. **7.10** Film: **Crocodile Dundee.** (1986) An Australian hunter with a larger-than-life reputation accompanies a reporter from the Outback to the urban jungle of Manhattan. Comedy, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski. **9.00** **World Without End.** Mother Cecilia sends King to France to petition the King, who is desperate to find a way for his army to cross the River Somme, otherwise they will be trapped and under siege. **10.00** Film: **Along Came a Spider.** (2001) Detective thriller, starring Morgan Freeman. **12.05** Film: **Charm School.** (2001) Comedy, with Nicole Kidman. **3.20** Hollyoaks. **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Inside Hollywood 2013. **11.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20** Film: Mrs Caldwell's Cabbage War. (2000) **3.30** Film: Desperate Escape. (2009) **5.15** Film: By Appointment Only. (2007) **6.50** **5 News Weekend.** **6.55** NCIS. (R) **7.45** NCIS. Gibbs sends DiNozzo and Ziva on a decoy mission to retrieve top-secret information from a secure military base, in a bid to expose a spy in NCIS. (R) **8.40** **Law & Order.** A cop is murdered during a botched robbery, triggering an investigation that leads Green and Cassidy to a paparazzo who may have compromising photos of a celebrity. (R) **9.40** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** New series. The detectives are forced to rely on an officer from another district when a rape victim refuses to talk to anyone but him, while introductions to the new ADA go badly. **10.40** **Law & Order: Criminal Intent.** New series. Part one of two. Goren and Eames investigate an illegal arms deal. **11.35** **True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** A sexual predator is caught by behavioural and geographical profiling. **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Merlin **7.45** Doctor Who **8.35** Film: Cool Runnings (1993). Fact-based sporting comedy, starring John Candy. **10.10** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.55** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** Lost Land of the Volcano **8.00** The Treasures of Ancient Rome **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Queens of British Pop **ITV2** **5.50** Film: Toy Story (1995) **7.35** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989). Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. **9.45** Take Me Out - The Gossip **10.20** Fake Reaction **11.15** Film: Wanted (2008). Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **ITV3** **2.50** A Touch of Frost **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Film: The Graduate (1967) **ITV4** **2.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The opening quarter-final (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Cheers **5.45** World of Sport: Footballing Upsets **6.00** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The second quarter-final (Kick-off 6.30pm). **9.00** Champions League Heroes **10.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) **E4** **3.35** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Top Gun (1986) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **Film4** **3.05** Murder Ahoy (1964) **4.55** Little Manhattan (2005) **8.40** Mona Lisa Smile (2003) **9.00** The A-Team (2010) Action adventure, starring Liam Neeson. **11.20** Orphan (2009)

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CHOICE



Brian Cox

Wonders of Life

BBC2, 9pm
Professor Brian Cox is everywhere at the minute. University lecturer by day, stargazer and the Beeb's most intriguing presenter by night, it's little wonder he finds the time to fit it all in. But that he does, and he stretches himself even further as his new series Wonders of Life continues. The physicist is making his way around the globe, on a mission to investigate whether the emergence of life was an inevitable consequence of the physical laws that rule the universe. This week, Brian finds himself doing what most of us often dream of; tripping across America.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Call the Midwife. (R) **2.25** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.00** Africa. (R)
6.00 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.
6.30 **Blandings.** David Walliams returns as no-nonsense secretary Baxter.
7.00 **Countryfile.** Items from the snowy Yorkshire Dales, including cheese-making at Jervaulx Abbey in the style of the Cistercian monks and following a veterinary couple on their farm rounds. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 **Call the Midwife.** Jenny is seconded to a short-staffed hospital in London, but intimidating surgeon Mr Tracey leaves her reluctant to carry out her duties.
9.00 **Ripper Street.** Reid senses something amiss when a Jewish anarchist is found dead, leading the team into the murky world of the British government's fight against international terrorism.
10.00 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Manchester City v Liverpool.
11.15 **Room 101 – Extra Storage.** With Cilla Black, Hugh Dennis and Mel Giedroyc.
11.55 **The Sky at Night.** From the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.
12.15 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA.**
1.40 Six Nations Rugby Union. **2.25** Weatherwise. **2.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **6.50** **Film:** A Walk in the Sun. (1945) **8.45** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **9.15** A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** EastEnders. (R) **1.55** Coast. **2.10** Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee. (R) **3.10** Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee. (R) **4.10** The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. (R) **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Ski Sunday.
6.30 **Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey.** Kate Humble and Helen Czerski follow the earth's journey around the sun from the March equinox to the end of June. Last in the series. (R)
7.30 **Open All Hours.** Granville tries to persuade Arkwright to buy a van, so he does not have to struggle with the shop's outdated delivery bike. (R)
8.00 **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and Helen Czerski follow the James May pilot three front-engined supercars on a road trip from Las Vegas to Palm Springs via Los Angeles. With drummer Mick Fleetwood.
9.00 **Wonders of Life.** Professor Brian Cox explores extraordinary creatures in the US as he investigates how the senses evolved, charting life's journey from single-celled organisms to sentient beings.
10.00 **A Night with the Stars.** Professor Brian Cox explores challenging concepts in physics. (R)
11.00 **Live American Football: Super Bowl XLVII.** San Francisco 49ers v Baltimore Ravens (Kick-off 11.30pm).

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Guest in the Sun. (R) **10.25** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **11.25** May the Best House Win Vive la France. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.35** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **2.35** You've Been Framed! (R) **3.05** Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) **5.50** Regional Programme : Weather.
6.05 **ITV News:** Weather.
6.15 **Dancing on Ice.**
7.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With actress Samantha Womack and McFly's Tom Fletcher.
8.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** The two lowest-scoring contestants perform new routines, with the judges deciding which couple deserves another chance and a place in next week's show.
9.00 **Mr Selfridge.** Harry hits rock bottom after a confrontation with Rose, who has received a visit from his mistress Ellen Love, while Agnes falls out with Victor when she returns to the store.
10.00 **ITV News at Ten:** Weather.
10.15 **It'll Be Alright on the Night.** Celebrity bloopers with Griff Rhys Jones. (R)
11.15 **Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.**
12.10 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** Film: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. (1982) **4.20** Time Team. **5.20** Deal or No Deal.
6.20 **Channel 4 News.**
6.50 **4thought.tv.** Alcohol consumption and religion.
6.55 **The Political Slot.** A day in the life of Conservative Party Chairman Grant Shapps.
7.00 **Come Dine with Me.** A week of dinner parties in Edinburgh, featuring an around-the-world menu, a "sweetie darling" theme and a stab at some Heston Blumenthal-style cooking.
8.00 **The Hotel.** Mark wants a Christian to become more cost-conscious and gives him a chance to prove himself by asking him to organise a wedding fair and oversee a local couple's nuptials.
9.00 **Film: Source Code.** (2011) Premiere. A pilot investigates a bombing by having his mind transferred into one of the victims for the last eight minutes of his life. Sci-fi thriller, with Jake Gyllenhaal.
10.50 **Film: The Accused.** (1988) Oscar-winning drama, starring Jodie Foster.
12.55 **Film: Rebound.** (2005) Comedy, with Martin Lawrence. **2.20** Smallville. **3.00** Coming Up. (R) **3.30** St Elsewhere. **4.15** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.45** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Little Lodgers. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jolly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.20** Film: The Princess Bride. (1987) **2.10** Titanic. (R) **5.25** 5 News Weekend. **5.35** Film: The Witches. (1990) **7.15** **Film: The Time Machine.** (2002) Sci-fi adventure, based on the HG Wells novel.
9.00 **Person of Interest.** The Machine directs Reese and Finch to protect a lawyer who specialises in suing on behalf of convicts who claim they were wrongfully imprisoned.
10.00 **Film: Rambo.** (2008) Action sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone.
11.45 **Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **12.45** How Do They Do It? (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D **7.05** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **7.35** Film: Superman Returns (2006). **10.00** Being Human **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Story of British Pathe **8.00** Harlots, Housewives & Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls **9.00** Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special **10.35** Film: The Salt of Life (2011)
ITV2
3.55 Take Me Out – The Gossip **4.40** The Best of You've Been Framed! **5.40** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **8.00** You've Been Framed! Calendar Special **9.00** The Magaluf Weekend (10.00) Film: The Bourne Identity (2002)
ITV3
3.35 Agatha Christie's Marple **5.45** Murder, She Wrote **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** David Jason's Greatest Escapes **10.00** Film: Schindler's List (1993)
ITV4
2.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations. **5.15** Cheers **5.45** Greatest FA Cup Finals **6.00** Live Africa Cup of Nations. **9.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **10.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven (1960)
E4
5.00 Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **8.00** Film: Romancing the Stone (1984) **11.05** My Mad Fat Diary
Film4
3.05 Because of Winn-Dixie (2005) **5.10** The Honeymooners (2005) **6.55** Shopgirl (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Claire Danes and Steve Martin. **9.00** Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.10** M*A*S*H (1970)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

The Punisher, Channel 5, 10pm

FBI agent Frank Castle enrages a powerful gangland kingpin when a gunfight accidentally causes the death of the mobster's son. The crime boss retaliates by wiping out Castle's entire family, but the lawman reinvents himself as a vigilante, acting as judge, jury and executioner to the underworld. Thriller based on the Marvel comic-book anti-hero, starring Thomas Jane, John Travolta, Will Patton, Rebecca Romijn and Roy Scheider. (2004)

TUESDAY

Rumble in the Bronx, BBC1, 11.35pm

A Hong Kong cop visits New York to attend the wedding of his uncle, who has just sold his market store to an entrepreneur. The policeman volunteers to stick around to help get the business running, but they soon fall foul of a local biker gang. Martial arts adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Anita Mui, Francoise Yip and Bill Tung. (1995)



The Matrix Reloaded, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

WEDNESDAY

Black Death, BBC1, 11.40pm

As the bubonic plague sweeps across medieval Britain, one isolated community seems to be completely unaffected. A naive monk is sent to accompany a band of mercenaries to the village to determine if they have used witchcraft to ward off the disease. Thriller, starring Sean Bean, Eddie Redmayne and Carice van Houten. (2010)

THURSDAY

The Matrix Reloaded, Channel 5, 10pm

As the machines threaten the last refuge of humanity, a party of freedom fighters journeys into the virtual world of the Matrix to find a means to end the war once and for all. However, the computer programme Agent Smith, once a tool of the machines, has returned from the dead with his own plans for the world. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugo Weaving. (2003)

FRIDAY

Bad Boys II, Channel 5, 9pm

Two mismatched undercover cops set out to halt an underground gang war and bring down a drug lord attempting to flood the market with a deadly form of Ecstasy. However, a romantic interlude threatens to drive the investigation off course. Comedy thriller sequel, starring Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Gabrielle Union, Jordi Molla and Peter Stormare. (2003)

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Pick of the Week

Clunes is in the saddle for his new adventure

Martin Clunes couldn't be less like Gary, his Men Behaving Badly character, if he tried.

While Gary would like nothing more than to be drinking with his mate Tony, Martin would prefer to be on his Dorset farm, hanging out with his wife, producer Philippa Braithwaite, their daughter Emily and his ever-growing menagerie of animals.

Martin is besotted by his furry, four-legged friends. In fact, when he isn't making Doc Martin or some other TV drama, he can be found surrounded by them, either at home or while making a documentary.

Over the past few years he's featured in various programmes about dogs and lemons – just last week he narrated another about canines.

Now he's back with a rather more personal project.

This second string to his media career has come as a surprise, but he loves every minute of it: "It was never part of the plan, but I'd really miss presenting and the opportunities it's given me. It would

be silly of me to say, 'I won't do that because this might spoil my chances of another acting job'; because I might miss out on one of the biggest experiences of my life."

Two years ago, Martin adopted a couple of young Clydesdale draught horses – called Bruce and Ronnie – and they're now at an age where they're getting a little bored with just trotting around an empty field; their besotted 'father' describes them as "lovable but uncontrollable teenagers".

To give the duo some focus, Martin has brought in Robert Sampson, an equine expert who will turn 'the boys' into useful working horses – he'll coach Martin how to drive them properly too.

"If you'd said 10 years ago that I would be driving a seven and a half ton truck with my own two young Clydesdales and taking them to hoof camp, I'd have laughed in your face," claims Martin. "But it is a reality and it's very exciting."

Much of the programme is dedicated to following the progress of all three novices, but there's also

a chance to find out how working horses are employed across the globe, including by the Amish and – in stark contrast – Budweiser in America. However, it's a trip to an Italian vineyard that proves most eye-opening.

"A day working in that Italian vineyard is enough for me to think that having working horses on my farm can only be a good thing," laughs Martin, as he watches the animals driving carts while fertilising the land at the same time.

Then it's back to Blighty to see how Ronnie and Bruce are getting along – and the answer is very well. In fact, Martin's gentle, quiet approach to life seems to suit working with the duo rather well.

"I found this new speed quite shocking to begin with, very slow," he admits. "But I have a six month ban on my driving licence, so this speed could be my future – starting at my horses' burns as they plod me around the countryside."

"It's quite a nice way to go. Three cheers I say."



Martin Clunes – Heavy Horse Power, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Dancing on the Edge BBC2, 9pm

If there was ever any doubt that writer-director Stephen Poliakoff's name carries a lot of clout, just look at the cast list for his new drama, which stars everyone from Chiwetel Ejiofor and Matthew Goode to John Goodman and Jacqueline Bisset, via Jane Asher and new Doctor Who assistant Jenna Louise Coleman. Perhaps the impressive cast were also attracted by the plot, which follows a black jazz band in 1930s London. Led by Louis Lester (Ejiofor), the group find a champion in music journalist Stanley (Matthew Goode), and some unlikely fans among the upper class. But even with wealthy patrons on their side, they still have to deal with the racial inequalities and shifting moral values of the time.

Richard III: The King in the Car Park Channel 4, 9pm

It's amazing what you can find in car parks these days: abandoned shopping trolleys, cigarette ends, the skeleton of one history's most infamous monarchs... This documentary looks at the search for the final resting place of Richard III, who was killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485. His body was buried in Greyfriar's Church in Leicester, but in the centuries that followed, the building was demolished and its exact location was lost to history. But all that changed in 2012 when archaeologists finally worked out that Greyfriar's stood on what is now a council car park. Here, we follow the scientists who are trying to establish if the male skeleton found at the site really is Richard III.

TUESDAY

Brain Hospital: Saving Lives Channel 5, 10pm

As we return to Liverpool's Walton Centre, this inspiring series introduces Martin and Marc who are undergoing brain treatment. Marc suffers from a chronic tremor which became worse during his teens. Surgeons hope that a 'deep brain stimulation' operation will help him control his condition. The engineer has already given up his job and lost the ability to do everyday tasks, so this treatment is crucial. Martin, a university dean and father of three in his fifties who has been diagnosed with cancer is equally optimistic. This operation will hopefully remove the malignant brain tumours, which if left untreated will only spread throughout his body.

WEDNESDAY Live International Football ITV, 7pm

The England national team return to action this evening as they face Brazil in a friendly match at Wembley Stadium, organised as part of the FAs 150th anniversary celebrations. England's last outing was a friendly away to Sweden last November, which will be remembered for the performance of Zlatan Ibrahimovich, who scored all of his team's goals in a 4-2 victory, including

a spectacular over-head volley from long distance. As with that game, the outcome of tonight's clash is not critical, but Roy Hodgson will appreciate the opportunity to gather his squad together for the first time this year, and see this as a good test against quality opposition before resuming the World Cup qualification campaign.

Holiday Hit Squad BBC1, 8pm

You wouldn't want to get on the wrong side of Angela Rippon, Helen Skelton or Joe Crowley. They've made their names in tough-talking telly, so throw them all together on the same project and there's every chance they're quite the force to be reckoned with. This new series combines journalism and travel advice to ensure we're fully clued up in making sure our holidays – no matter where in the world we find ourselves – live up to their promise. As Angela joins the professionals who devote their lives to helping British tourists in Majorca, Helen meets unhappy holidaymakers, and Joe joins hotel inspectors in top holiday hotspots to learn about the hidden horrors.



Holiday Hit Squad, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

THURSDAY

How to Build a Bionic Man Channel 4, 9pm

The medical experts featured in this documentary are using £1million-worth of cutting-edge artificial limbs and organs in an attempt to create a bionic man that will then be displayed at London's Science Museum. This summer's Paralympic Games demonstrated how far modern technology has come in its ability to replace body parts and improve abilities, but presenter and psychologist Bertolt Meyer – who has a bionic hand – wants to find out how such technological developments may impact on the human race in the future. Whatever conclusions he draws will be fascinating – but not as intriguing as seeing how the bionic man at the centre of it all turns out.

FRIDAY Ice Road Truckers Channel 5, 8pm

It's Friday night, which only means one thing on Channel 5 – a good dose of heavyweight trucking that frankly makes us thankful for our safe-as-houses desk jobs. And for Dave it's not just the conditions through which he drives that are icy. In Prudhoe, he's having trouble making friends with his new colleagues, and when his brakes freeze, he's given a little help by his fellow drivers. Things are going a little better for Lisa, though, when she's given the responsibility of driving half of the biggest load of the season so far. Meanwhile Alex Deborgoski is given an 800-mile three-day trip to deliver vital food supplies to a remote outpost in Tadoula Lake.



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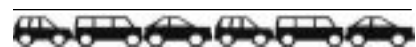
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Ideal housing by woodlands to suit families



The Briars development in Kidderminster has homes priced from around £259,995



The intimate development has homes available through a part-exchange scheme

FAMILIES who want to get away from it all can make their nest at The Briars in Kidderminster, where some of the homes back on to woodland.

The popular development from Elan Homes is ideally located so that residents are able to enjoy the great outdoors close to home while also benefitting from easy access to the town centre and beyond thanks to the strong transport links. Plus with local schools with good reputations nearby, it's perfect for those with children.

It's not just the location that ticks all the right boxes for buyers – the homes enjoy a high specification that needs to be seen to be appreciated.

But with only a handful of properties available, each with four bedrooms, those who want to move to The Briars need to act fast to avoid disappointment.

Andrew Robertson, senior sales manager for Elan Homes in the North, says: "Choosing a home in which to raise a family can be tricky and people may fear they have to compromise on style or space to buy a home in the right location, but that's not necessarily the case. The Briars is within the catchment area of some fine local schools, several of which have been rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

"The homes are also competitively priced from £259,995 in comparison with other properties in the area as according to Zoopla the average asking price for a four-bedroom

house in Kidderminster is £319,654."

If the location, specification and value for money wasn't enough, Elan is offering part exchange to help people climb the property ladder.

Designed to help speed up the home buying process, part exchange is ideal for those who but don't want to be held back from moving because they need to sell their current home.

With part exchange Elan will arrange for the customer's home to be valued by two local agents before making an offer on that property to help facilitate a move.

Developer

The transaction could be complete in as little as 28 days with no hidden costs or hold ups. The developer will pay for the survey and the agent's fees and customers will even be able to stay in their current property until the new one is ready.

Located in Habberley Road, The Briars is an intimate development of just 13 four-bedroom homes ideally placed between the Worcestershire countryside and Kidderminster town centre.

Easy access to the ring road and the M5 has attracted interest from commuters who work in Birmingham but want to raise their families away from the hustle and bustle.

To be in with a chance of purchasing one of the final homes at The Briars, visit the sales office, open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, call 0845 250 8679 or visit the website www.elan-homes.co.uk



Regency Court in Dudley is an immaculate property ideal for first-time buyers

Apartment is on at £149,950

An immaculately presented ground floor apartment in a popular and convenient location in Dudley is for sale with a guide price of £149,950.

The property in Regency Court, Dibdale Road West, has a reception hall, sitting room, kitchen diner, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and two parking spaces.

The reception hall has a remote for the entrance gate and doors leading to all rooms including the sitting room – 16ft 5in by 20ft 8in – and with an electric feature fire with surround.

The kitchen diner, 18ft 11in by 11ft, has

wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, stainless steel sink with drainer, integral electric oven with hob and extractor, integral fridge/freezer, dishwasher, washer/dryer and glass display unit.

The master bedroom, 9ft 9in by 11ft 10in, has fitted wardrobes and an en-suite with shower, low level WC and wash hand basin and there are two more bedrooms and a bathroom with bath, WC and wash hand basin in vanity unit.

Contact estate agent Andrew Grant on 01384 370232 for further information or to arrange a viewing.



Details are available from agent Andrew Grant



The apartment features a spacious living room

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£202,500

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HILLMEADS DRIVE

•A Detached Residence Occupying Cul-De-Sac Location•Four Bedrooms En-Suite To Bedroom One•Through Lounge•Fitted Kitchen & Dining Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Utility•Double Width Garage•Rear Garden Having Decking•Viewing Recommended

£220,000

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OAKHAM



OAKHAM AVENUE

EPC Grading D+Improved & Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached Three Bedroom•Through Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Dining Room•Ground Floor Refined Shower Room•House Bathroom•Garage•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive•Viewing Recommended

£200,000

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TIVIDALE



HODGES DRIVE

EPC Grading C+Four Bedroom Modern Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Master Bedroom Having En-Suite•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive

£199,950

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TIVIDALE



PACKWOOD ROAD

EPC Ratings Available•A Greatly Improved & Extended Semi Detached Property•Five Bedrooms•Extended Lounge•Former Garage•Extra Lounge•Kitchen & Conservatory•Drive•En-Suite•Bathroom•Ground Floor Cloakroom

£199,950

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Breakfast Room•Utility Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bathroom•Driveway To The Rear Gained Via Courtyard•Road•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Extensive Rear Garden•Viewing Recommended

Offers Around

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TIVIDALE



RED LION CLOSE

EPC Grading D+Three Bedroom Detached Occupying Corner Plot•Lounge•Kitchen•Diner•Bathroom Upstairs•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•Conservatory•Drive

£149,950

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WHITEHALL DRIVE

EPC Grading D+Three Bedroom Extended Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Conservatory•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive

£140,000

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OAKHAM



DINGLE CLOSE

•A Much Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Four Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room•Extended Bathroom, Study, Kitchen & Ground Floor Cloakroom•Garage•No Chain

£140,000

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LOWER GORNAL



LAWNWOOD ROAD

•An Extended Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Through Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Breakfast Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•No Upward Chain

£135,000

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DUDLEY



WHITEHALL DRIVE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Residence•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•First Floor Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Elevated Views To Side•Integral Garage•Driveway

£130,000

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COSELEY



BERRINGTON DRIVE

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Open Plan Lounge Double Glazing Where Stated Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom Conservatory Front And Rear Garden Driveway Cul-De-Sac Location

£129,950

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ALTON GROVE

•A Much Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Former Garage•Dining Room•Rear Lounge Overlooking Rear Garden•Fitted Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Block Paved Driveway

£120,000

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BRIERLEY HILL



CAMPBELL STREET

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Kitchen & Bathroom Conservatory Cloakroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Driveway & Garage No Upward Chain

£119,950

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DUDLEY



RUSSELLS HALL ROAD

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Loft Room Used As Bedroom•Through Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

£115,000

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DUDLEY



KETLEY HILL ROAD

EPC Ratings Available•An Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Through Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Viewing Recommended

£106,950

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UPPER GORNAL



EVE LANE

•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Front & Extended Rear Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Entrance Porch•Rear Garden•No Upward Chain

£100,000

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LANGSTONE ROAD

•An Extended Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Extended Kitchen•Extended Dining Room•Lounge•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Driveway

£100,000

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BRIERLEY HILL



BRYCE ROAD

•EPC RATINGS AWAITED•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Corner Plot•Driveway Gained Via Gateway

£96,000

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ROWLEY REGIS



WOOLPACK CLOSE

•EPC GRADING C+•Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse•Vestibule•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive•No Chain

£89,950

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£99,950

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DALVINE ROAD

EPC Rating E+Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•No Chain

£87,500

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BRIERLEY HILL



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£74,950

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UPPER GORNAL



EDMUND ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Breakfast Room•Ground Floor Bathroom•Good Size Bedrooms•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Block Paved Driveway

£550 PCM

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NETHERTON



STONEY LANE

•EPC GRADING E+An Improved Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Dining Area•Conservatory•Rear Garden Having Decking•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Bathroom

£575 PM

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MALVERN CRESCENT

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property•Large Extended Fitted Kitchen•Diner•Upstairs Bathroom•Large Garden•Garage

£525 PM

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DUDLEY WOOD



DALVINE ROAD

•EPC GRADING C+A Modernized Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge & Fitted Kitchen•Diner•Refitted Bathroom•Landscaped Rear Garden Having Popular Popular Location•Must Be Viewed

£575 PM

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TIPTON



ALEXANDRA WAY

•Ground Floor Apartment•One Bedroom•Double Glazing•Open Plan Lounge•Kitchen•Parking

£380 PCM

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TIPTON



CASTLE ROAD

•EPC GRADING F+Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Front & Extended Rear Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Upstairs Bathroom•Garage•Driveway•Rear Garden•Corner Plot

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£575 PM

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TIPTON



SCOTT STREET

•EPC GRADING C+Modern Two Bedroom Property•Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Parking•Excellent Transport Links

£500 PM

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THE BROADWAY

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room•Ample Parking

£595 PCM

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TIVIDALE QUAYS, TIPTON



OLD PORT CLOSE

EPC GRADING D+Modern Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge & Modern Kitchen•Recently Modernized To High Standards•Bedroom One Having Fitted Wardrobes•Garage•Viewing Fully Recommended

£525 PM

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RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

•Four Bedroom Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Garage•Driveway

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NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Goodrich Mews, LOWER GORNAL



- Three bedroom end townhouse
- Bathroom plus en-suite shower room
- Lounge, dining kitchen, W.C.
- Driveway and garage to the rear
- Pleasant cul-de-sac development
- EPC = B

Offers Around £139,950



NEW

TWO BEDROOMS

Five Ways Court, LOWER GORNAL



- TWO bed 'TOP FLOOR' apartment
- Fabulous views over the Shropshire Hills
- Electric gated development with allocated parking
- 50% shared ownership
- EPC = B

Offers Around £49,000 (50% share)



NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Ruth Close, TIPTON



- Extended Semi-Detached
- Exceptionally well presented
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Through lounge/dining, conservatory
- Garage, driveway, EPC = D

Offers Around £144,950



NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Sherwood Drive, QUARRY BANK



- Modern Link Detached House
- Extended and well maintained
- Two reception rooms plus conservatory
- Three double bedrooms
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC = E

Offers Over £159,950



NEW

TWO BEDROOMS

Talbot Street, HALESOWEN



- Fabulous House with WOW factor!
- Impeccable presentation and finish
- Designer Italian Kitchen
- Utility/W.C./outbuilding
- EPC = D

Offers Around £109,950



NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Newick Street, NETHERTON



- Spacious Detached House
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Large through lounge/dining room
- Extended L-shaped kitchen
- 3 car driveway
- EPC = D

Offers Around £169,950



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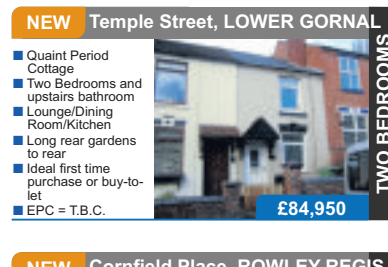
DEVELOPMENT SITE

Caroline Street, DUDLEY



- POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY
- GRAND PERIOD HOUSE/FACORY AND GROUNDS
- Two shared accesses to the site
- Subject to planning and building regulation approval

Offers Around £325,000



NEW Temple Street, LOWER GORNAL

TWO BEDROOMS

- Quaint Period Cottage
- Two Bedrooms and upstairs bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen
- Long rear gardens to rear
- Ideal first time purchase or buy-to-let
- EPC = T.B.C.

£84,950



NEW Cornfield Place, ROWLEY REGIS

TWO BEDROOMS

- Modern End Terraced House
- Corner Plot with allocated parking
- Two bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, kitchen, hall
- EPC = C
- Ideal buy to let or first time buy!

£94,950



NEW

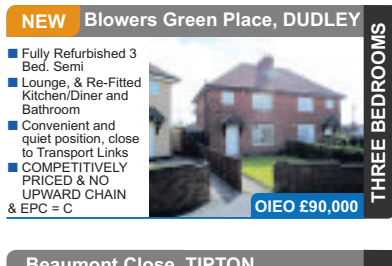
TWO BEDROOMS

Cardoness Place, DUDLEY



- Mid terraced home with WOW factor!
- SHOW HOME STANDARD!
- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC = C

Offers Around £109,950

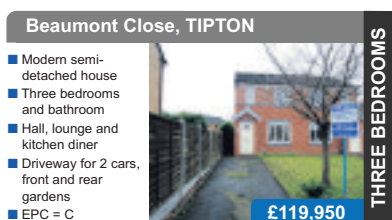


NEW Blowers Green Place, DUDLEY

THREE BEDROOMS

- Fully Refurbished 3 Bed. Semi
- Lounge, & Re-Fitted Kitchen/Diner and Bathroom
- Convenient and quiet position, close to Transport Links
- COMPETITIVELY PRICED & NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC = C

OIEO £90,000

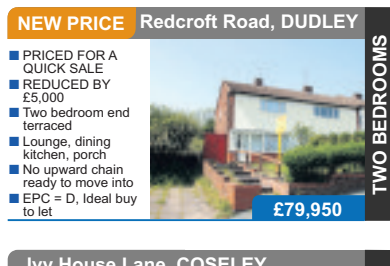


Beaumont Close, TIPTON

THREE BEDROOMS

- Modern semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge and kitchen diner
- Driveway for 2 cars, front and rear gardens
- EPC = C

£119,950



NEW PRICE Redcroft Road, DUDLEY

TWO BEDROOMS

- PRICED FOR A QUICK SALE
- REDUCED BY £5,000
- Two bedroom end terraced
- Lounge, dining kitchen, porch
- No upward chain ready to move into
- EPC = D, Ideal buy to let

£79,950



Ivy House Lane, COSELEY

FOUR BEDROOMS

- Large semi-detached house
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Two reception rooms, dining kitchen
- Garage, driveway and large rear garden
- No upward chain, EPC = E

£149,950



Water Street, KINGSWINFORD

FOUR BEDROOMS

- Period semi-detached family home
- Extended and well presented over three floors
- FOUR good sized BEDROOMS
- Lounge, open plan kitchen diner
- EPC = D

£174,950



Mace Street, CRADLEY HEATH

TWO BEDROOMS

- Two Bedroom end terraced home
- Well presented, GCH and DG
- Long rear gardens
- Lounge, dining kitchen and cellar
- EPC = E

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**Lanesfield
Mount Road**

- Two bed semi
- GCH & majority DG
- Bathroom with shower
- ORP
- Energy Rating - E

£525pcm



**Rowley Regis
Powke Lane**

- Four bed detached home
- FF Kitchen with appliances
- GCH & DG
- Lounge
- Dining area
- Master bedroom en-suite
- Rear garden and ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£795pcm



**Dudley
High Park Close**

- Three bed detached house
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Porch & hallway
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath & separate shower
- GCH & DG
- Garage
- Energy Rating - E

£650pcm



**Dudley
Madison Avenue**

- Three bed town house
- Located opp Westfield Shopping Centre
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£625pcm



**Tipton
Bedford Street**

- Three bed town house
- Lounge Diner
- Master bedroom en suite
- Rear garden
- DG & GCH
- Separate Garage & ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£595.00pcm



**Wednesbury
Devon Road**

- Two bed semi detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Hall, spacious lounge
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Central heated
- Energy Rating - E

£550pcm



**Tipton
Newells Drive**

- Superbly presented two Bed semi
- Lounge
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with shower and bath facilities
- ORP
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D

£525pcm



**Tipton
Ferguson Drive**

- Two bed mid terrace
- Gas fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Lounge with patio doors
- Kitchen with appliances
- Private rear garden
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£525pcm



**Coseley
Redwood Road**

- Two bed mid town house
- Fitted dining/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- DG
- Rear garden with decking
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D

£500pcm



**Dudley
Lister Road**

- Deceptively spacious flat
- First floor. Private access
- Two bed. GCH & DG
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Rear garden with storage
- Energy Rating - C

£500pcm



**Wolverhampton
Shaylor Grove**

- Two bed semi
- Unfurnished
- Fully fitted kitchen with new cooker
- GCH
- Energy Rating - D

£475pcm



**Dudley
Russells Hall Road**

- Three bed semi
- Kitchen with cooker
- GCH
- Bath and shower
- Facilities
- ORP
- F & R Gardens
- Energy Rating - D

£475pcm



**Bilston
Bradley Lane**

- Three bed semi
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- CH and DG
- Bathroom with shower
- Energy Rating - E

£450pcm



**Hagley
The Briers**

- One bed coach house apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Modern fitted
- Central Heated
- Bathroom with bath
- Energy Rating - C

£450pcm



**Willenhall
Gipsy Lane**

- Two bed detached bungalow
- CH & DG
- Unfurnished
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Rear garden with shed
- Off road parking
- Energy Rating - E

£450pcm



**Wednesbury
Brookside**

- Attractive First Floor
- Two Bed Apartment
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen with
- oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower
- Communal Gardens
- Energy Rating - D

£450pcm



**Bilston
Ambleside Close**

- Modernised one bed town house
- Halfway
- Luxuriously appointed lounge
- Fully fitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - E

£430pcm



**Tipton
Rugeley Close**

- Two bed top floor apartment
- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Unfurnished
- Kitchen with appliances
- Energy Rating - C

£425pcm



**Tipton
Nock Street**

- Ground floor two bed maisonette
- GCH and DG
- Refitted Bathroom with shower
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - E

£425pcm



**Tipton
Regent Street**

- One bed semi in shower bungalow
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with walk in shower
- Attractive landscaped gardens
- Energy Rating - C

£425pcm



**Coseley
Yew Tree Lane**

- Two Bed apartment and bath
- Kitchen with appliances
- CH and DG
- Bathroom with shower
- Communal gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating - B

£425pcm



**Willenhall
Keats Road**

- FF Two bed apartment
- Kitchen with Cooker
- Bathroom with shower
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating - C

£400pcm



**Wolverhampton
Essington Way**

- One bed ground floor flat
- Unfurnished
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£395pcm



**Dudley
Viewfield Crescent**

- One bed first floor apartment
- DG
- Kitchen with oven & fridge
- Bathroom with shower
- Available immediately
- Housing benefits considered
- Energy Rating - D

£375pcm



**Coseley
Roseville Court**

- Attractive SF flat
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen with appliances
- Spacious living room
- Bathroom with shower
- Convenient to Coseley village
- Energy Rating - E

£375pcm



**Kingswinford
Ragees Road**

- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fully Furnished
- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazed throughout
- Kitchen with appliances
- Intercom access
- Energy Rating - D

£350pcm





ROWENA GARDENS NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY

- An impressive detached home
- Stylish bathroom
- Private rear garden, garage
- Three bedrooms
- 'U' shaped living room
- Dining room, dining kitchen
- Quiet position in cul-de-sac
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£249,950



GOSPEL END STREET SEDGLEY

- Delightful detached family home
- Family bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Garage with utility area
- Double entrance driveway
- Elegant living room

Reduced to £249,950



BRICK KILN LANE GORNAL WOOD

- Detached family residence
- Modern shower room
- Downstairs WC
- Three double bedrooms
- 22ft Garage
- Dining kitchen
- DESIRABLE LOCATION

£249,940



CAERNARVON WAY MILKING BANK

- SPACIOUS Family home
- Kitchen plus breakfast room
- Four bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area
- Bathroom plus ensuite room
- Double garage

£245,000



ROWENA GARDENS OFF NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY

- EXTENDED detached family home
- Fitted dining kitchen
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Garage, private rear garden
- 'U' Shaped living room

£215,000



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD SEDGLEY

- Spacious semi-detached
- Kitchen plus laundry
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- Three bedrooms
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- Pleasant front, side & rear gardens

£169,950



DOVEDALE ROAD ETTINGSALL PARK

- Well presented semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Central heating & double glazing
- Popular location

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JEWS LANE UPPER GORNAL

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- Downstairs WC
- Central heating, double glazing
- Secluded position

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FARRINGTON ROAD ETTINGSALL PARK

- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen with WC off
- Integral garage
- Central heating & double glazing
- Spacious rear garden

Reduced to £143,500



TIPTON ROAD WOODSETTON

- Extremely well presented mid-terrace
- Three bedrooms
- PARKING to the rear
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious dining kitchen
- Landrette with WC off
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Reduced to £130,000



KEATS DRIVE COSELEY

- Semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- 23ft Living room
- 21ft Dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Off road parking plus garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£129,950



SUMMER LANE LOWER GORNAL

- Extended semi-detached
- FOUR Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious dining kitchen
- Central heating, double glazing
- Excellent accommodation
- MUST BE VIEWED

Reduced to £124,950



WREKIN VIEW ROAD SEDGLEY

- Extremely well presented
- Semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge with dining area
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Kitchen, laundry, WC
- MUST BE VIEWED

£122,500



THE RIDGEWAY SEDGLEY

- Spacious end-terrace
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Down stairs WC
- Central heating & double glazing

£115,000



TURNERS HILL ROAD LOWER GORNAL

- Spacious semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- 21ft Living room
- Dining kitchen
- Double glazing
- Useful work shop with WC

Reduced to £112,000



REDWOOD AVENUE UPPER GORNAL

- Refurbished semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious dining kitchen
- Central heating
- Part uPVC double glazed
- No upward chain
- MUST BE SEEN

Reduced to £111,950



MONUMENT LANE SEDGLEY

- Spacious semi-detached
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Central heating, double glazing
- EXCELLENT CONDITION

£110,000



OAKFIELD AVENUE BRAMFORD ESTATE

- Semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms plus sun room
- Central heating
- Quiet cul-de-sac position
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Reduced to £103,000



BROOKDALE LOWER GORNAL

- SPACIOUS end-terrace home
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Dining kitchen, downstairs WC
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Reduced to £100,000



SWAN STREET BRIERLEY HILL

- Refurbished semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, kitchen, utility
- Down stairs WC
- Central heating, double glazing

£95,500



DOCK MEADOW DRIVE LANESFIELD

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus laundry
- uPVC Double glazing
- No Upward Chain

Reduced to £79,995



SUTTON COURT ETTINGSALL PARK

- Ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Heating and
- double glazing
- Garage
- Good condition

Reduced to £59,800



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SEDGLEY**Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

An EXCEPTIONAL, significantly EXTENDED, and particularly stylish semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors. In recent years to an exemplary specification set in short cul-de-sac with the accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, imposing reception hall, magnificent 25'9" through living room (previously separate rooms), extended 21 ft refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'Ikea' sourced units, and various integrated appliances, utility/laundry room beyond, and a fully fitted shower/cloakroom, magnificent uPVC double glazed Conservatory, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal room having shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom. Large garage, ample parking, garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000**KINGSWINFORD****Buckingham Grove**

Exceptionally well placed, just a short distance from the centre of Kingswinford, upon the extremely popular and sought after Valleyfields development, this EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME is conveniently located for the area's highly regarded local schooling and offers SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: reception hall, L shaped lounge with dining area off, CONSERVATORY, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, box room, light bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With low maintenance fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an attractively laid out rear garden. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£196,500**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £181,500**LOWER GORNAL****Keats Close, Straits**

An EXTENDED, tremendously enhanced, stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached envially situated with wide frontage overlooking adopted open space. Flexible accommodation includes: reception hall, 22'6" through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with double opening French doors, recently refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, store, rear lobby with further store, and fourth double bedroom (alternative use as a study/play room/reception room etc.). Three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom with a white suite. Garage, extensive parking, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000**WOLVERHAMPTON****Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

A much enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, lounge with patio doors, enlarged refitted 'L' shape breakfast kitchen with many integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (all with wardrobes & third bedroom enlarged into eaves), reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white suite/chrome detailing. Garage, Langthy secluded rear garden, block paved driveway. Energy Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,950**WALL HEATH****New Street**

Very well placed within this mature and sought after address within the heart of Wall Heath Village, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS & WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge with separate dining room area off, lean-to garden room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and spacious light bathroom. Having a pebbled DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying an attractively laid out rear garden with patio, lawn and ornamental fish pool. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950**KINGSWINFORD****Rageses Road**

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED MODERN MID MEWS HOUSE enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR ASPECT with attractive views and pleasantly located within this popular address upon sought after High Acres. Offering ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED & PRESENTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: lounge, attractive dining kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO BEDROOMS, refitted classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With OFF-ROAD PARKING to the fore and enjoying a patio style garden with further large garden area beyond with established trees. EPC Rating - C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950**NETHERTON****Round Street**

This well presented, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, transverse Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen with a fine range of units, three good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Garage, Driveway and rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£104,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Bank Street**

This Victorian style, deceptively spacious, majority double glazed, gas centrally heated, 3/4 bedroomed mid-terrace is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, two principal first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, attic Bedroom 3, Office/Bedroom 4 and rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,950**WORDSLEY****Smalman Close**

A BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED & ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT, forming part of this exciting and stylish new development, conveniently located just off Auckland Road, and offering an excellent layout of accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: reception hall, spacious open plan lounge with stylishly fitted kitchen (with appliances) off, TWO BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE), classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying an ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£96,500**BRIERLEY HILL****Bankwell Street**

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi-detached home is situated in an established residential location and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, three good Bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and a pleasant rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950**KINGSWINFORD****Oak Street**

Superbly located, just a short walk from the heart of Kingswinford and its excellent selection of amenities, this MOST ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED FIRST FLOOR FLAT offers a STYLISHLY APPOINTED & WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING and comprising: private ground floor entrance hall, first floor landing, attractive lounge, spacious & beautifully re-appointed dining kitchen with integrated appliances, bedroom and luxury re-appointed shower room. Set back beyond a good sized pebbled forecourt and enjoying a shared, lawned rear garden with useful outside store. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£79,950**SEDGLEY****High Park Crescent**

A tremendously ENLARGED/EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence in highly favoured district that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, further store, lounge with bay and 'hole in the wall' feature fireplace, magnificent 27ft. transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units & a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY off. To the first floor are four generous bedrooms (two with a wide range of fitted units), stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite. Staircase up to a further playroom/office/potential bedroom. Garage, delightful secluded garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £252,500**UPPER GORNAL****Old Quarry Drive**

An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING imaginatively EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached envially situated virtually at head of cul de sac in favoured district with panoramic distant views. The particularly stylish, tremendously enhanced accommodation includes reception hall, elegant lounge with 'living flame' gas fire & walk-in bay, extended sitting room (with lofty ceiling heights incorporating skylight), refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom: four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, block paved parking/driv, delightful secluded well stocked/landscaped rear garden with many fine established shrubs & plants. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £235,000**COSELEY****Flamborough Way**

An attractive, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated double fronted detached family home in favoured cul de sac just off Chadd Road within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, re-tiled kitchen, utility room, lobby, boiler room & a 'fifth bedroom'. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), reappointed & re-tiled bathroom, extensive parking, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,950**SEDGLEY****Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

A delightful, conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, inner hallway, 23'4" through lounge/dining room (with living flame feature gas fire), kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, large garage, neat well tended gardens, block paved driveway. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,000**LOWER GORNAL****Himley Gardens**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED link detached envially situated in quiet backwater with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS yet within walking distance of so many amenities/country park/etc. and where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse 16'3" max lounge, extended T-shape 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of oak finish units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden, office, utility room, cloakroom. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), bathroom with white suite. Further potential. Garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000**LOWER GORNAL****Humphrey Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of 'light beech' units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**KINGSWINFORD****Water Street**

Enjoying DELIGHT OPEN REAR VIEWS onto Kingswinford Park, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME comprising: reception hall, attractively refitted shaker style dining kitchen with built-in appliances, spacious lounge, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (loft converted master bedroom with EN-SUITE), refitted house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950**WOODSETTON****Roper Way**

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home which is situated in a popular residential location, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white suite. Burglar alarm, driveway, garage, and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

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SEDGLEY**Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached house situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,500

PENSNETT**Tarry Hollow Road**

A VERY IMPRESSIVE MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within this extremely popular modern development, offering BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED and EXTREMELY WELL APPPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, separate dining room, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances. THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, luxury refitted shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is slightly elevated back beyond the LANDSCAPED FRONTAGE including LARGE DRIVEWAY, 23 GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED & ATTRACTIVELY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating - C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £154,950

WOODSETTON**Parkes Lane**

This conscientiously maintained, bay fronted double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home has been considerably improved by the current owners, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The stylish property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, refitted/enlarged kitchen with a fine range of units; three bedrooms, fabulous bathroom with white suite. Lengthy 53 ft garage, driveway and a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

UPPER GORNAL**Windmill Street**

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reapointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

LOWER GORNAL**The Straits**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years. Excellently situated abutting onto and overlooking fields at the rear, and being convenient for so many amenities. The accommodation includes: reception hall, superb through living/dining room with patio doors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units, pantry. Three generous bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), stylish reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite/chrome detailing. Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,950

SEDGLEY**NEW PRICE****Queens Road**

An attractive, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of Sedgley centre, open fields & schools, etc. Although modernised, there is further potential with the accommodation providing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, pantry, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking to front, lengthy/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £154,950, NOW £149,950

COSELEY**Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate**

A significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with 'granny/disabled' suite extension in popular/convenient district. Accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged/refitted kitchen with many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Granny suite comprising through living/bedroom & wet/ shower room on suite, slatted drive, secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

GORNAL WOOD**Mount Close**

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and is well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, refitted/enlarged kitchen, study/sitting room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WITHYMOOR VILLAGE**NO UPWARD CHAIN****Leyton Close**

Pleasantly situated within a now established Close, which leads off Gayfield Avenue, this MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME presents an arrangement of accommodation planned over two floors, and has UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and a system designed to provide GAS CENTRAL HEATING to radiators. Prospective purchasers will find excellent local amenities nearby, including popular schools. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£134,950

COSELEY**NEW PRICE****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £137,500, NOW £133,950

PENSNETT**VIEWING ESSENTIAL****Teviot Gardens**

Enjoying a position just off the thoroughfare of Teviot Gardens, THIS REALLY VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers and young families, with a layout having GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: hall, guests cloakroom, pleasant sitting room, oak styled kitchen, dining room area, three first floor bedrooms, and delightful bathroom with corner suite. Fore garden, enclosed rear garden and with rear access to garage. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£114,950

LOWER GORNAL**Wood Road**

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated two (formerly three) bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners and may represent an ideal first time purchase. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

DUDLEY**Pebworth Grove**

This modern, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), two bedroom semi detached home is well presented throughout & may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

RUSSELLS HALL**NOW AVAILABLE****Osprey Drive**

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£98,950

GORNAL WOOD**Flavells Lane**

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. No Parking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,950

LOWER GORNAL**Grosvenor Road South**

Traditional, freehold, part uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character requiring some sympathetic updating. Many period features (i.e. lath & plaster ceilings, original panelled doors & joinery, fireplaces, etc.) with the accommodation providing imposing reception hall (with staircase up to first floor), sitting room with bay, dining room, rear lobby, store, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, neat garden. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

NETHERTON**NO UPWARD CHAIN****Norton Crescent**

This uPVC double glazed, three bedroomed, mid-terrace property has a gas central heating system, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£75,000

UPPER GORNAL**Kinfare Rise**

This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two double bedroomed FIRST FLOOR FLAT which is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: communal entrance, private hall, living room, refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, and a private rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £72,950

PENSNETT**NO UPWARD CHAIN****Mullett Street**

Forming part of this established address this TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers or buy-to-let investors and affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. To briefly comprise: sitting room with defined dining area, kitchen, large conservatory, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Large front drive and with an enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£69,950

LOWER GORNAL**Five Ways Court, Lake Street**

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owners by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). "Entry phone" system to shared hall/landing with flat comprising: reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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● Spacious lounge & dining room
● Private rear garden, double garage
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NEW
29 CEDARWOOD ROAD £185,000
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● Link detached bungalow
● Two bedrooms, shower room
● Well maintained & improved
● L shaped lounge & dining room
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94 ATTINGHAM DRIVE £184,950
DUDLEY
● Modern detached house
● Four bedrooms & ensuite shower room
● Good sized accommodation
● Lounge with dining area, utility area
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NEW
328 HIMLEY ROAD £179,950
GORNAL WOOD
● Extended detached house
● Four bedrooms & extended lounge
● Conservatory & utility area
● Separate shower room
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NEGOTIABLE FOR QUICK SALE
29 DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE £175,000
SEDGLEY
● Extended semi detached house
● Three bedrooms
● L shaped bedroom with shower area
● Conservatory
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5 BROWNSWALL ROAD £174,950
SEDGLEY
● Semi detached house
● Three bedrooms, conservatory
● Good sized accommodation
● Two reception rooms
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NEW
3 OAKHAM AVENUE £160,000
DUDLEY
● Traditional semi detached house
● Four bedrooms
● Extended kitchen & bathroom
● In need of certain cosmetic works
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NO UPWARD CHAIN
7 HOCKLEY ROAD £147,500
COSELEY
● Semi detached house
● Three bedrooms
● Two reception rooms, utility room
● Wide corner plot
● SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NEW
84 EVE LANE £132,950
UPPER GORNAL
● Semi detached house
● Three bedrooms
● Considerably improved accommodation
● Gas central heating & double glazing
● SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



REDUCED
15 NEW ROWLEY ROAD £124,950
DUDLEY
● Edwardian end terraced house
● Two bedrooms & attic room
● Deceptively spacious
● Majority gas central heating
● DUDLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



23 GREEN RYDDING DRIVE £119,950
COSELEY
● Semi detached house
● Three bedrooms
● Well maintained & improved
● Double glazing & gas central heating
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NEW
8 WHITESMITHS CLOSE £119,950
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● Well presented first floor apartment
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● Over 55's small development
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NEW
8 BEACON RISE £114,950
SEDGLEY
● End terraced house
● Three bedrooms
● Deceptive accommodation
● Gas central heating & double glazing
● SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NEW
8 UXBRIDGE CLOSE £114,950
LOWER GORNAL
● Modern townhouse
● Three bedrooms
● Well maintained & improved
● Parking to front & rear
● SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED
20 CLAREMONT ROAD £102,500
SEDGLEY
● Traditional mid terraced house
● Two bedrooms with ensuite wc
● Refitted kitchen & bathroom
● Replacement uPVC double glazing
● SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NEW
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● Good sized accommodation
● Double glazing & part gas central heating
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Offers around £179,950



**OAKHAM
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Offers around £144,950



**QUARRY BANK
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A superbly and expensively improved Traditionally styled 3 Bed Semi-Detached affording stylish gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation enjoying pleasant views from this ever popular residential backwater. Inspection essential with Reception Hall, Attractive Lounge, Super appointed Kitchen and adjoining Dining Area, Laundry/Utility, 3 excellent Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with corner bath and shower, superb landscaped Rear Gardens with summer house, and driveway to the front. EPC-D

Offers around £139,950



**RUSSELLS HALL
MINEHEAD ROAD**

This lovingly and delightfully presented 2 Bedroomed Semi Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address close to Russells Hall Hospital. Briefly comprises: - Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Conservatory, attractively fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobe), refitted Shower Room, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with Summerhouse and Stores, Side Garage, Car Port and Driveway for 2 cars. EPC-D

Offers around £118,950



**NETHERTON
COPSE ROAD**

Warranting an early internal inspection, this superbly presented, stylish and much improved 3 Bed Semi provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, SUPERB SPACIOUS REFITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH BUILT-IN OVEN AND HOB, fridge and dishwasher, Laundry/Utility Room, 3 excellent Bedrooms, STYLISH REFITTED BATHROOM with shower, pleasant rear Gardens and Garage with rear vehicular access. EPC-D

Offers around £109,950



**AMBLECOTE
WITHYMOORE ROAD**

Providing deceptively spacious gas centrally heated (warm air) and UPVC double glazed accommodation upon 3 floors, this well kept and neatly presented Modern 3 Bedroomed End Townhouse is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address and represents excellent value for money at this competitive asking price. Briefly comprises: - Hall, staircase to Lounge, Dining Kitchen, separate WC, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant Rear Gardens with Southerly facing aspect, integral Garage and Driveway for 2 cars to the front. EPC-C

Offers around £109,950



**BROCKMOOR
HULLAH PLACE**

This Modern 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious, delightfully appointed gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated overlooking Brockmoor Primary School to the rear in this popular location. Briefly comprises: - Porch, Hall, Attractive Lounge, Super Refitted Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Driveway for 2 cars to the front. EPC-C

Offers around £97,500



**QUARRY BANK
ANNE ROAD**

Pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented, improved 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached Residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly includes: Reception Hall, attractive through Lounge with Dining area, neat fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Laundry/Utility, Garden/Sun Room, 2 Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower attachment, and Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens. EPC-D

Offers around £92,500



**BROCKMOOR
NEWTOWN**

Enjoying a pleasant position in this popular address overlooking the grounds of the church, this Modern 2 Bed Intermediate Townhouse provides well planned accommodation with UPVC double glazing and represents a super opportunity for the discerning first time buyer or young family. Just a short walk away from Brockmoor High Street and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, includes: Attractive Lounge, Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Low Maintenance Rear Garden and Gravelled Front Garden. EPC-D

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LIMES AVENUE**

This attractively presented and lovingly maintained 2 Bedroomed Semi provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer, young family or INVESTOR and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises: - Porch, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Super Refitted Bathroom with Shower, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and GARAGE to the rear. EPC-D

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ELBOW STREET**

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Offers around £71,950



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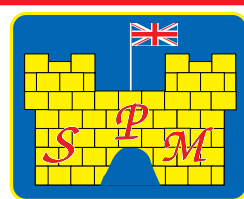
Offers around £64,995



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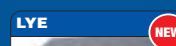
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£695 pcm
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YALE ROAD**

£725 pcm
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VICARAGE ROAD**

£550 pcm
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£425 pcm
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**GORNAL
TEMPLE STREET**

£525 pcm
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Unfurnished



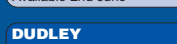
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LAWNSWOOD ROAD**

£610 pcm
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**DUDLEY
DIBDALE STREET**

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**WOODSETTON
FLAVELL STREET**

£560 pcm
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Octavia's a big player for Skoda

By Ian Donaldson

If you want to know how important the new Octavia is to Skoda's continuing growth you needed to see the small army of people spending a month in the Portuguese sun.

They were everywhere, helping guide 1,000 motoring writers from around the world to the dining room at the hotel, the conference room, the breakfast room... the check-in desk at the airport and the orange juice and cakes at the coffee stop on the test route.

Some of Skoda's support drivers had spent three days ferrying a fleet of big Superb saloons several thousand kilometres from their native Czech Republic to the guaranteed frost-free climes of southern Portugal, to chauffeur writers from airport to hotel for their one-night stays.

Then you discover that 44 in every Skoda built are Octavias and more than 3.7 million have been sold since the first ones arrived in



The new Skoda Octavia, which arrives in the UK on March 16

1996. Skoda's ambitious plans for the years ahead would derail if Octavia sales softened.

So it's no surprise that Octavia mark three, which reaches the UK on March 16, is no mould breaker. It's simply bigger, bolder and better than before; moving the game on without upsetting potential purchasers with anything too radical.

It's based on the same new, and wildly expensive to develop, underpinning seen in the latest VW Golf (and new Audis and Seats too) and comes with a series of petrol and diesel engines aimed at stretching visits to the pumps and cutting nasties from the exhaust, to the benefit of the environment and an owner's wallet.

The new Octavia is 90mm (3.5in) longer than before but, crucially the distance between front and rear wheels is stretched 108mm (4.2in), with the extra space given to rear seat legroom and an ever bigger boot.

The old Octavia is a hit in China, where they like room in the rear. They're going to love the new one, as are UK taxi firms and families with teenage children and masses of luggage.

Skoda long ago stopped fighting for the

cheaper end of the car market, concentrating instead on value (the M&S philosophy, you could say) and must have decided there's a big enough jump in quality and design to stand a significant price rise.

That means the new range starts at £15,990 for a 1.2-litre petrol model, a stiff £2,605 rise on before. The car on test, a 1.6 diesel in mid-level SE trim and a likely big seller, has risen £1,740 to £19,240, with the new range-topping 2.0 diesel automatic up a more modest £785 to £23,240.

Standard

Skoda says the entry-level new car has £3,500 of extra equipment as standard, including alloy wheels, DAB radio, extra airbags, remote central locking, touchscreen for the sound system and an eco-boosting stop/start system.

Octavia estates have always been popular and a version is mere months away. Later in the year we'll see the go-faster vRS model make its appearance, promising to be the fastest Octavia yet.

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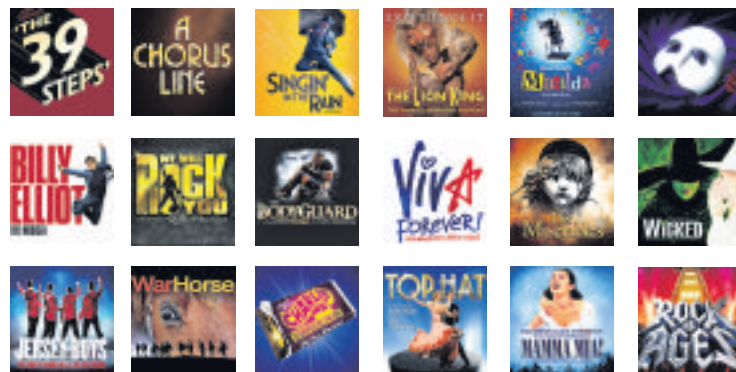
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Benbow hat-trick boosts the Glassboys

A LUKE BENBOW hat-trick enabled Stourbridge to close the gap on second-placed Hemel Hempstead to just one point.

This Evo-Stik Southern Premier game was one of only a handful of non-league matches to be played north of Worcester on Saturday. The win rewarded the efforts of Glassboys officials, first team and youth players, staff and supporters in clearing the pitch and surroundings of snow so the game could go ahead. The clash got off to a remarkable start with two goals inside the first three minutes.

The home side won a second-

minute flag-kick and Ben Billingham's mis-hit corner bobbled through to Benbow whose low shot struck the inside of keeper Jonathan North's right-hand upright before rolling off the unfortunate custodian and across the line.

Stourbridge joy lasted less than a minute as Jake Woodley fed a pass inside for ace marksman John Frendo to wriggle his way past Nathan Bennett and Paul McCone before hitting a deflected low shot past home debutant Stourbridge keeper Dean Coleman.

Play continued to be frenetic.

Stourbridge 4 Hitchin 1

McCone's seventh-minute header from Billingham's corner drifted over the bar. Six minutes later Frendo went close for Hitchin with a deflected shot.

On 32 minutes Benbow chested the ball down and worked room for a low angled shot from the left-hand side of the box that ran wide of the far post.

Hitchin responded four minutes later with Michael Noone spreading a pass out to Jhai Dhillon. He was half-stopped, but Noone col-

lected the ball and struck a 20-yard shot that bounced harmlessly wide. Hitchin started the better in the second half but a moment of magic from Benbow turned the game in favour of the Glassboys on 54 minutes. He chested down a throw-in from Gavin Hurren, turned and arrowed an unstoppable volley from around 20 yards past a helpless North.

That gave Stourbridge the confidence to kick on and Benbow completed his hat-trick in the 61st minute.

A pass from Hurren was not properly cut out and ran through

to McCone. He pushed the ball low across the face of the goal for Benbow to provide a sliding finish from six yards out.

He continued to torment the Hitchin defence and he almost grabbed another goal on 65 minutes with a rising shot from 20 yards that flashed wide.

Stourbridge sealed victory with 11 minutes to go when Billingham was hauled over in the box and sub Sean Geddes dispatched the penalty to make it 4-1. This victory means Gary Hackett's men have taken 18 points from their last seven league games.

Chance still on to join runners



THERE'S still time to enter the Action Heart five-mile run.

It is the 23rd year that the event has taken place and it starts and finishes at Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley.

Runners get under way at 9.30am on Sunday, February 24.

Entry forms can be downloaded at www.actionheartrunning.com

You can also enter online by visiting the website www.runbritain.co.uk and searching for the event.

Action Heart will be offering attractive incentives for sponsorship raised so do get busy with your sponsorship forms.

Anyone collecting £50-plus qualifies for an adidas sweatshirt while bringing in more than £100 lands a pair of adidas running shoes.

Support

Members of the public are advised that there will inevitably be some traffic hold-ups near the hospital as the runners go around the course.

Action Heart would like to say a big thank you to the local community for their continued support.

It's now week five in the training schedule and the programme is now demanding some sustained effort.

However, if you have been building up gradually this will not be a problem.

If it becomes too tough, you can walk the rest of the way rather than give up.

The important thing is to finish each session so that on the race day you can go the distance and complete the five-mile course.

For those beginners who have already entered the run, we hope that you are finding the training schedule useful.

A word of warning to all you runners and joggers out there: Please do remember the importance of warming up those muscles before going out for your run, particularly on cold mornings or evenings.

Training: Week five

Monday: Rest

Tuesday: Two-mile jog

Wednesday: Three-mile run

Thursday: Rest

Friday: Three-mile jog

Saturday: Rest

Sunday: Four-mile jog/run



Colin Downey finds the going deep at Stafford

Going is grim for runners

MEMBERS of Stourbridge Running Club put their best foot forward in the Midlands Cross-country Championships despite grim going.

Freezing conditions, snow and mud greeted competitors at Stafford Common.

First lady home for Stourbridge was Joan Clarke, in a time of 35min 11sec.

Second was Natalie Dellar, exactly four minutes behind while Ruby Ooi was third in 56:28.

Pete Walters clocked 47:02 to be first man back for Stourbridge and their second runner home was Colin Downey, who stopped the watch at 57:31.

It's defeat without all Kings men

Solihull Blossomfield 4 Kingswinford 2

KINGSWINFORM men's hockey team were left to rue the unavailability of five first-team players. They led 2-0 on Sunday, but could not stave off defeat.

Kings started brightly with second-teamers Damon Johal, Sunny Uppal, Tarran Singh, Parj Sangha and Dulla Sandhu gelling well with their team-mates.

The visitors went two up inside 15 minutes. The first goal was a superb solo effort by Ajay Sandhu, who twisted and turned three defenders and the goalkeeper before a spectacular diving finish.

Minutes later, Kam Mann intercepted a pass to feed Cole Hickman for an easy finish. But Solihull fought back to take the win.

Saxons stick to task in gluepot conditions

Lutonians 5 Stourbridge Saxons 13

STOURBRIDGE got their National Two North campaign back on track after last week's defeat - but had to do it the hard way.

The Saxons were given a tough run by determined opponents playing on a gluepot pitch from which snow had to be cleared in advance. The hosts dominated the opening 10 minutes, forcing a rash of kickable penalties from the Saxons' defence but opting to run or kick for the corner.

The Stourbridge defence held out their drives, though, and when Lucs opted for a goalkick it was fluffed.

The Saxons then broke out of their half when Jamie Hearn countered from a kick ahead, Caolan Ryan making no mistake with his goalkick when desperate Lucs defence conceded a penalty.

He stretched the lead to six points with another for a Lucs offside before the game settled down to a stalemate on a deteriorating surface.

Breeze

After half-time Saxons made use of a strengthening breeze to pen Lucs - who changed from a hooped strip in the first half to a gold one in the second - back into their 22m area.

Ben Hughes was put clear but couldn't hold the pass and Tom Jarvis was unlucky to be adjudged to have knocked on when grounding Lucas Roy-Smith's chip.

Ejike Uzoigwe replaced James Rodley on the flank and could scarcely believe his luck when his first touch was to gather a ball that squirted out of a ruck.

With the defence mis-

Stourbridge Saxons

aligned he managed to break a tackle and crossed unchallenged to score under the posts.

The Saxons continued to dominate territory and possession but were unable to breach a resolute home defence which eventually broke out.

Solid defence kept them out but with Sione Tu'ipolotu cooling his heels in the sin bin Lucs were finally able to force a short-range runner over the tryline with the last play of the game.

Coach Mike Umaga said: "We came here looking for a win to get our season back on track. The boys did really well to keep their focus in difficult conditions."

"They threw everything at us - as we knew they would - but we were dominant in attack and our defence held strong, we delivered what we had to and it's nice to be back on the winning trail."

He made scrum-half Roy Smith his man of the match.



Anyone volunteering to wash the kit this week?



Jamie Hearn breaks clear to set up the first try for Stourbridge

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Athletics club on track for cashpot

WOODEN changing rooms are to be replaced with a brick unit – including disabled facilities – after Enville Athletics Social Club was given a £50,000 Sport England grant.

The club was one of four from across the region to scoop a total of £200,000 from England's Olympic and Paralympic, London 2012 Inspire legacy programme.

The money will help to fund create better pavilions, changing rooms and heating systems.

Cannock Rugby Union Football Club and Alrewas Cricket Club, near Lichfield, will also benefit from the funding.

Meanwhile, plans for a new £150,000 pavilion at a cricket club near Wolverhampton that was hit by an arson attack have moved a step closer after £50,000 funding was secured.

The grant for Springhill Cricket Club, in Lower Penn, is the first major funding it has received for its pavilion and bosses said they were delighted.

Members faced being barred from their league after the Staffordshire Club Cricket Championship raised concerns over finances and lack of facilities, as they operated from two portable steel cabins after a blaze in 2005 wrecked a shelter.

Club secretary Daniel Kinsey said: "This is the first major step towards getting the new pavilion."

"We have some fantastic plans and will make it a focal point for the community."

Pointing way for umpires

HELP is at hand for those interested in becoming cricket scorers or umpires.

Courses in both skills are being run at Stourbridge Cricket Club, organised by the North Worcestershire District Cricket Development Group.

A course for young and new umpires will be staged on Tuesday, March 12 from 7pm and costs £3.50 to include a copy of the laws of the game.

The scorers' course is on Thursday, March 28 at 7pm and will cost £1 to cover the cost of a DVD.

Both courses will be administered by the Worcestershire Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association.

To book, e-mail Grainger-Paul@hotmail.co.uk or call 07969 795429.

Rowe scents a place for Gornal in next round

GORNAL manager Ian Rowe today challenged his players to fly out of the traps in the FA Vase on Saturday after their fourth-round preparations went to the dogs.

The Peacocks squad were due at Monmore Green greyhound track in Wolverhampton this evening for a team night out as part of the build-up to the re-arranged clash with Wisbech at Garden Walk.

And Rowe hopes a night on the town can help his side sniff out a place in the last 16 on Saturday and an overnight trip to Bodmin seven days later.

Rowe, whose side were due to play

FA Vase

Alvechurch on Tuesday, said: "There will be a bit of rust in the players because we have had a few games called off."

"But hopefully we can start quickly and get ourselves a place in the next round."

"We did well in the FA Cup and we've had a good run in the Vase, so there is nothing to fear."

"We know Wisbech are one of the big hitters in their league and we are expecting a tough game, but there is no pressure on us. "We've done really well to get this far – but it would be great to keep it going."

Gornal's game against Wisbech has been postponed twice because of the recent cold snap but they are hopeful of the tie finally getting the go-ahead this week, barring heavy rain in the next 48 hours.

Meanwhile, fellow Vase fourth-rounders Walsall Wood are taking inspiration from the FA Cup giant-killings.

Wood host Hanworth Villa in the fourth round of the FA Vase on Saturday having already gone further than ever before in the competition.

They beat Wigan Robin Park 2-0 in the last round and club secretary Bill Shaw said the team will draw strength from the FA

Cup shocks provided by Luton, Oldham and Leeds. He said: "Hanworth are a level higher in the pyramid and they should be favourites, but you never know what could happen in the cup competitions – look what happened at the weekend."

"We are playing very well at the moment – for what games we've played – and we've only lost once in the league this season."

"The league is the priority, but who doesn't want to get to Wembley?"

The winners face Rochester or Runcorn Town in the fifth round next Saturday and will bank £2,000 – on top of the £4,800 they have already won.

The wind taken out of Damien's title hope

DAMIEN Blackburn was halted in the last round by a telling blow in the West Midlands final of the ABA Schoolboys competition, writes Craig Birch.

The Wednesday ABC fighter took a shot bang on the sternum which took all the wind out of him and he failed to recover in time to avoid the stoppage.

The 60kg contest took place in Class One – for boxers born in 2000 – at the Donnington Sports & Social Club in Shropshire last Sunday afternoon.

Blackburn was in with Adam Smith, from Capitol ABC, Coventry, and had fared well in the first two rounds until the fight-ending punch came along.

With the scores close, Blackburn tried to pile the pressure on and his attempts to come forward left him open to a body shot, but he stayed on his feet.

Tight

The referee pulled him out for his own safety and handed Blackburn, 12, his first defeat in his fourth fight as an amateur, but his first in the competition.

The Willenhall Comprehensive student had received byes through to the area title decider but gave it a good go in a tight contest.

The Sandwell area will still be represented by club-mate Jack Bennett and Liam Gould, of William Perry ABC, Tipton, when the national stages begin.

Both walked over with no opponent to box at 57kg.

Bennett was in Class Two, for boxers born in 1999, and Gould in Class Three, for fighters born one year earlier.

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I'M READY FOR THE PRESSURE – SKIPPER

ASHLEY MORRIS is ready to handle the pressure of leading Dudley Heathens into action this year.

Morris takes over the captaincy of the former Cradley club following the departure of Adam Roynon.

The 18-year-old was handed the No.1 race jacket by the outgoing skipper at a club function.

He knows how tough it's going to be as he doubles-up with Premier League Workington – and he's up for the challenge.

He said: "I'm happy to be back. Obviously it's going to be a big year for me with Workington and Dudley, where I am No.1 and captain. I'm really looking forward to it and I just can't wait for the season to start now."

"I normally manage to deal with pressure reasonably well. I know being No.1 and captain will be some more pressure, but I'll just carry on as usual and it should be OK."

"I just want to keep the lads' spirits high all the way through the season and score good points."

"If I'm doing that then that's all that counts, really."

Joined

"It will spur me on, obviously, having some guys like Lewis Blackbird chasing me for my top spot. It will be a challenge but I'm definitely planning on keeping that spot for the whole season!"

Morris will be joined by Dan Greenwood, Gareth Isherwood, Paul Starke, Lewis Blackbird, Max Clegg and Nathan Greaves.

Only Morris and Greenwood are survivors from the rampant 2012 team that had to be decimated due to the team-building points ceiling, but the captain is confident they can go one better and lift the title.

"It looks like it will be a

Dudley Heathens

good team," he said. "Hopefully we will have a good team atmosphere like we had last year, and if we have that then I think that can be the key."

"I'll give the youngsters at reserve as much help as I can as well. Obviously I was where they are only a couple of years ago, so I'd like to think I can help them to do well. They look like they've got good potential, so we'll see how it goes."

"Everyone is aiming for the league title. We want to be winners and we will be aiming for it just as much as we were last year. I just hope we can pull it off this time."

Tickets are on sale for the season launch party at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, March 1.

All the 2013 Heathens will be introduced and presented with their race jackets. There will be photographic and autograph opportunities for supporters and a disco afterwards.

The event also includes a raffle and auction. Tickets cost £3 HSSC members and £5 non-members and are available online at dudleyheathens.co or by calling HSSC on 07766 745681.

All money raised will go to the riders.



Adam Roynon, left, hands the No.1 jacket to his successor as skipper, Ashley Morris

Derbies loom for Wolves

WOLVES have a full house of derby matches in the 2013 Elite League speedway fixtures.

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